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IMPORTANT FROM ALBANY

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THE DEMOCRACY DOWN IN THE MOUTH.

ALBANY, Saturday, Jan. 24, 1863.

As usual the morning session was opened with a speech from Mr. T. C. FIELDS. This time he rises to a question of privilege, being prompted thereto by an article in the New-York *Evening Post*, headed "*The Indignant Fields*," which pricked him exceedingly. With all respect to Mr. FIELDS, I am bound to say that for a legislator he is altogether too *Mosaical*, an opinion in which I am persuaded that a large majority of the House, including very many of his party supporters, concur. Himself belligerent almost to the last degree, he is far too sensitive to attack; too free on his own side, too exacting from the other; too willing to give; too unwilling to receive. It is true that the article to which he took exception was sharp—whether just or unjust, there may be a difference of opinion. Whether Mr. FIELDS has other provocations of the kind, I think depends very much on himself. There is much to hope, however, from association, and his temporary removal from the school of politics in which he has always acted.

With this usual episode, the House proceeded to the ninety-first vote for Speaker.

It had been bruited about that the thing had been "fixed," the arrangements all made, for the election of TREMAIN, otherwise the notice was commenced under circumstances of unusual interest; but the result was as before, no choice—60 for TREMAIN, 60 for CALLICOTT, 1 for DEPEW. The single vote for DEPEW was given by Mr. BEARD, (Union, not Democrat, as I was made to say yesterday,) Mr. BROWN absent.

The ninety-second vote, an important one! The last vote showed that Mr. BEARD's vote, cast for CALLICOTT, would elect him. This time, on the ninety-second vote, Mr. BEARD *did* so vote. The next moment Mr. T. C. FIELDS' name was called. Asking to be excused from voting—the old dodge—again began to filibuster. His party were about to have their hopes blasted once more. He was turbulent, excited, violent in the extreme. Mr. SHERWOOD called him to order. Mr. FIELDS "did not care for calls, or order, or the rules." He would yield nothing, for nobody, for no reason. Mr. DAVIS, of Tioga, demanded that the rules of the House should be enforced. Mr. FIELDS: "I tell you that you cannot enforce the rules." And then the packed lobby and galleries and the Democratic members shouted like old Tammany. "I take all the responsibility. You cannot put me down, and you cannot consummate the arrangement for the election of Mr. CALLICOTT," was the language of Mr. FIELDS. He defied the House. "Go on," cries Mr. DEAN. "Go on," shout the Democrats. "Give me some cider," says Mr. FIELDS. (The cider was brought in.)

Whoever has been in Tammany, when Capt. RIPPER was on the table indulging in denunciations and strong language peculiar to himself, while bedlam reigns, can understand the state of things in the House at this moment. Mr. MOULTON moved a committee to wait on the Governor and inform him of the state of things in the House. The question is put in confusion indescribable, and, amid all sorts of shouting and excited language, is declared carried. Messrs. SHERWOOD, DAVIS, and BEARD, the Clerk appoints such committee.

Mr. FIELDS proceeded, and threatened to turn the Clerk out. The lobby and galleries shouted a ready approval, and it looked as though the threat might be carried out.

The Committee retired to the Executive Chamber.

Mr. FIELDS then read a letter which one LIVINGSTON wrote to "F. WOOD," saying that he understood that Mr. CALLICOTT would aid him (WOOD,) if he would assist him (CALLICOTT.)

The Committee to the Governor, through Mr. DAVIS, reported that they had conferred with him, and that in reply he gave the assurance that he would at once take the subject into consideration and extend the required protection.

Mr. FIELDS then continued in the most extreme filibuster fashion. Mr. SHERWOOD called him to order. The Clerk ruled that Mr. FIELDS was out of order. Mr. F. said he cared little for the ruling of the Clerk. He considered it wrong, and that was enough for him. The galleries gave three cheers for SHERWOOD, and Mr. FIELDS was encouraged to proceed as before, and referred to "our Democratic Governor" in a manner more agreeable to the mob than creditable to the Executive.

Mr. DEAN offered a resolution that neither the Senate nor the Governor has any right to interfere with the proceedings of the House.

Mr. SHERWOOD proposed to debate the resolution. The Clerk decided that it was not in order pending the roll call. Mr. FIELDS, as before, said the Clerk was wrong and could not be submitted to.

Mr. MOULTON, of Montgomery, a Democrat, said that he was ashamed of the galleries and lobby, and gave notice that he should, on the recurrence of the scenes of a few moments since, insist that the lobby and galleries should be cleared, and if there was no other power to clear them, he would go to the Governor and insist that he should furnish the requisite force. Mr. MOULTON confessed himself disgusted with the whole proceedings.

This brief speech had the effect, for the moment at least, to bring FIELDS and his filibustering associates to their senses, and there was comparative order, though Mr. FIELDS proceeded in defiance of the rules as laid down by the Clerk.

Provoked and overridden, the Union members preserved their temper and allowed Mr. FIELDS to proceed, who denounced Mr. CALLICOTT, read letters and made assertions with the view of showing a bargain to elevate him to the Speakership, and that Mr. CALLICOTT was unworthy of the position, because he borrowed $100 from one CRANAM a year or two ago.

At twenty minutes past 1 o'clock, when Mr. CRANAM, the Clerk, was temporarily absent, Mr. MURPHY, Democrat, from Erie, sprang to the desk and moved that the Hon. SANFORD SMITH, from Putnam, take the chair. Mr. SMITH not being present, Mr. DEAN was voted in. He was not present. It was moved that Mr. MURPHY himself take the chair, Mr. MURPHY declared all these motions carried, though the confusion was utterly indescribable. Members instantly sprang to their feet and a general rush made toward the Speaker's and Clerk's desk. Men not in the habit of indulging in strong language, did so now. The Union members placed themselves in attitude, declaring "Never! never!" "We will never submit to this." "Let revolution come, we are ready!" The Democrats shout "Stand your ground. Mutiny! Turn them out! turn them out!" In this the lobby and galleries joined. Pandemonium was outdone. It seemed that a single spark would set everything in a flame, and that violence must inevitably ensue.

The Democratic members attempted to address Mr. MURPHY in the chair. Everything was drowned in the storm of denunciation and threats. Mr. MURPHY attempts to exercise the functions of Speaker. At this juncture, Mr. CRANAM, the Clerk, came in, and the Union men addressed him, but with as little success as the Democrats did Mr. MURPHY. The Union members, conscious of the correctness of their position, and willing to meet them and there, whatever might come, rose to the dignity of the occasion.

The Democrats failed in the revolutionary purpose with which Mr. MURPHY usurped the chair. The anti-fighting Democrats sided with the Union men, and demanded that Mr. MURPHY should come down from the chair. Not quite prepared for the consequences of pushing the scheme of violence, if not of bloodshed, the revolutionists brought Mr. MURPHY from the chair, and Mr. CRANAM resumes his duties, with general acquiescence.

Mr. SANFORD SMITH declared how much he regretted these proceedings, and asked for unanimous consent to move an adjournment, pledging himself to do his utmost to produce that state of things that would lead to an election.

The Union men to a man objected, and declared that they would sit it out indefinitely, in order to produce an organization; they had adjourned enough; time enough had been consumed; lewd threats and threats had prevailed long enough; after what had happened they had but a single duty to perform, and they would do it.

2:30.—The time for closing this dispatch has arrived. Comparative good feeling has ensued. Mr. MURPHY is explaining his course. The Democrats are on the defensive.

The Mayor is in the House, and a police force is understood to be near at hand.

No one disguises that we were carried to the very verge of revolution inaugurated in bloodshed.

Nothing was ever more glaring than the inconsistency of the Democratic members, led on by Mr. FIELDS, to-day. When they supposed they had got everything secure,—when they supposed they were safe in allowing a vote to proceed, they were all at once sticklers for the rules, and were ready enough to proceed to a vote. One vote was taken, with no result. The next proceeding they were in glee, in the hope that some arrangement or other which they had made would elect Mr. TREMAIN. But the voting took another turn, which would elect Mr. CALLICOTT. Then it was that the filibustering and threats of violence commenced again, in which Mr. FIELDS and Mr. DEAN outdoned the most conspicuous. They declared that the roll should not be called through—that CALLICOTT should not be chosen—that the House should not be organized.

Conduct like this needs no comment to insure for it the reprobation and disgust of all men who have a sense of honor or decency. RODERICK.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

ALBANY, Saturday, Jan. 24—11.30 P. M.

The action of the Union members in going for an adjournment, was predicated on the fact that two of their number were temporarily absent, and might not be in the house to vote. It was deemed most prudent to accept the offer of the Democrats to take the vote on Monday at 11 A. M. The Democrats are disorbited, and some of them give it up. The Unionists will adhere to CALLICOTT to the last. RODERICK.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

ASSEMBLY.

ALBANY, Saturday, Jan. 24.

Mr. THOMAS C. FIELDS, of New-York, on a question of privilege, desired to bring to the notice of the House the gross libel and misrepresentation contained in the New-York *Evening Post*, of yesterday, designating him as the leader of imported ruffians and bullies. He denied the statement, and held that although the Democrats had resolved to resist now and always an organization based upon fraud and corruption, and bargain and sale, and everything that was dishonorable; yet they were, and always had been, and always would be, in favor of maintaining law and order.

The ninety-first ballot for Speaker was then taken, with the following result:

Trimmer	60
Callicott	60
Depew	1

The ninety-second ballot was then taken.

When Mr. BEARD's name was called, he voted for Mr. CALLICOTT, thus insuring him one majority, as the vote then stood.

A tremendous excitement followed this vote.

When Mr. FIELDS' name was called, he rose to explain his vote.

Immediately several Republican members rose and called Mr. FIELDS to order, on the ground that it was not in order to "explain a vote" till the call was finished.

Mr. FIELDS argued that during the whole session explanations of votes had been entertained at the time the name of a member was called. He refused to give way, and begged leave to state that he had been informed that a plan had been laid down by DAVIS DUBLEY FIELD in the Republican caucus that the acting Clerk of this Assembly should persist in calling the roll without taking notice of any Democratic member who might rise in order.

Mr. DAVIS endeavored to interrupt Mr. FIELD's remarks on a point of order amidst much confusion and excitement.

Mr. FIELDS refused to give way.

The confusion and excitement now became intense, the galleries and lobbies joining in it.

Mr. MOULTON, (Dem.,) rose and amidst the noise of the outsiders, moved that a Committee wait on the Governor and ask his protection.

At this time all the members of the Assembly were upon their feet.

The Clerk put Mr. MOULTON's motion to a vote, and declared it carried.

Messrs. DAVIS, SHERWOOD, and BEARD, were appointed as the Committee to wait on Gov. SEYMOUR.

Mr. MURPHY declared that the Clerk was only in the desk by the sufferance of the members of this Assembly, and that if he should attempt to violate the rules, he should move that the Clerk be removed, and a temporary presiding officer appointed who would observe the rules.

Mr. FIELDS continued speaking amidst repeated interruptions.

Much confusion and turmoil also existed in the galleries.

In the course of his remarks, Mr. FIELDS read a letter from JOHN LIVINGSTON, of New-York, to FERNANDO WOOD, begging that he (WOOD) would go for CALLICOTT for Speaker, and stating that CALLICOTT had several times called on Hon. D. O. BEARD, a member of the present Assembly, to obtain an introduction to FERNANDO WOOD, and that CALLICOTT said that if Mr. WOOD would assist him (CALLICOTT) to gain the Speakership, he (CALLICOTT) would do all he could to aid Mr. WOOD.

After frequent interruptions of Mr. FIELDS in his remarks, and exciting demonstrations from outsiders,

Judge DEAN rose to a question of privilege, and begged that the galleries might be compelled to observe order. If this could not be accomplished in any other way, he should move that the galleries be cleared.

Mr. MOULTON (Democrat) said that he did not desire to stop debate, but if further disorderly proceedings were had in the galleries, he should insist on having them cleared. If there was no force here to do it, he should move for a Committee to request the Governor to dispatch a sufficient number of men to preserve order here.

Quiet then being restored,

Mr. FIELDS continued his remarks, saying that every effort should be made by him to prevent the consummation of this infamous bargain. It should not be carried through unless it was done on the Sabbath. In the course of his remarks, while declaring Mr. CALLICOTT corrupt and unfit to occupy the Speaker's Chair, he charged that in 1860, when Mr. CALLICOTT was a member of the Judiciary Committee, there was a bill before that Committee in the defeat of which a gentleman from this city was largely interested on account of his position as landlord of the anti-rent lands. The bill was reported against by Mr. CALLICOTT as "unfit to pass," and Mr. CALLICOTT expressed to the gentleman to whom he (FIELDS) referred the opinion "that the bill was most unjust and improper." The following day he sent the following letter to the gentleman opposite to the bill:

CONGRESS HALL, ALBANY, March 5, 1860.

DEAR SIR: Will you do me the favor to lend me your check for one hundred dollars for a few days. An unexpected draft has been made on me to be paid to-day, and I shall have to send home for the money. Please send the amount per bearer.

And much oblige yours, truly,

T. C. CALLICOTT.

Mr. FIELDS resuming his remarks said: The person to whom this letter was sent happened to be out of town at the time it was delivered. Three days afterward this CALLICOTT sent to the same gentleman requesting a loan of one hundred and fifty dollars. The gentleman seeing the object of CALLICOTT refused him the loan. This would have been nothing had not CALLICOTT immediately after this occurrence gone into the House and voted in favor of the passage of the bill he had before reported against as "unfit to pass." He (FIELDS) held this as conclusive evidence of corruption and dishonesty on the part of CALLICOTT, and he (FIELDS) would pause here to see if Mr. CALLICOTT would move for a committee of investigation.

Mr. CALLICOTT not noticing the charge,

Mr. FIELDS continued his remarks and at this hour (1 o'clock) is still speaking.

Half-past 1 O'clock, P. M.—During Mr. FIELD's remarks, five minutes ago, the Clerk was absent from his seat and from the Chamber.

A motion was made to put Mr. SANFORD SMITH in the chair temporarily.

Mr. SMITH not being present a motion was made that Judge DEAN should take the chair during the absence of the Clerk.

Great confusion now ensued, when a motion was made by several Democratic members that Mr. MURPHY should take the chair, and the motion was declared carried by its movers.

Mr. MURPHY immediately took the Chair.

A scene of fierce excitement ensued.

The Republican and Democratic members rushed to the front of the desk, the former shouting "Come down, you scoundrel," and others crying out, "Stand up for your rights," while the friends of Mr. MURPHY rallied to his side.

Mr. FOX placed one hand in his breast pocket, in a threatening attitude, as though about to draw a revolver, while he held a stick in the other hand.

Several other members also placed their hands in their pockets, apparently about to draw their weapons.

After the most intense excitement, when a scene of bloodshed seemed on the point of being inaugurated, the Clerk reappeared, and after further shouts and exclamations, Mr. MURPHY gave way to the Clerk, who again took his seat.

When order was restored—

Mr. HOUGHTON held that it was perfectly in order during the temporary absence of the Clerk to move to appoint a temporary presiding officer. This body had been left without a head, and consequently was not in a condition to transact business. There was no cause for the terrible excitement of the Republican members. This was only a fourth of the Session. A clerk of a former assembly presided and was only in the chair by sufferance and by law.

Mr. DEAN called attention to a case which had occurred in Congress when a temporary presiding officer was chosen after the Clerk had been for some time acting as such.

Mr. SHERWOOD said that was an instance when the Clerk had neglected to call the roll.

The Clerk of the Assembly here made an explanation that he had been temporarily absent and had requested his Deputy to act during his absence.

Mr. FIELDS: This House knows no Deputy. No Deputy had a right to be there.

Mr. FIELDS continued his speech, during which he was repeatedly called to order.

Mr. DAVIS at length appealed to the gentleman from New-York (Mr. FIELDS) not to outrage rules he had himself voted to adopt and compel the House to declare him in contempt, and straight him at the bar. He made a speech of a conciliatory character, stating that while the crowd in the lobbies, called together by the existing question, had certainly acted in a disorderly manner, he hoped returning reason would dictate to all members to remember their duty to observe the rules they themselves had adopted. In the scene recently enacted he himself had joined in the excitement, finding it contagious. He now expressed the hope that good feeling would be again restored. In regard to the gentleman, (CALLICOTT,) the candidate of the Republican Party for Speaker, it was believed by them that he was not corrupt and bankrupt in character, as described. It was a libel on the constituency of the gentleman (CALLICOTT) in Kings County, as well as on the Democratic Party, to believe that he was such an ulcer as described. Surely his constituency could not have elected him if they believed him corrupt.

Mr. MURPHY, rising to a question of privilege, said: A few moments ago, when no Clerk was present and the Assembly was without any presiding officer, he (MURPHY) made a motion to elect Mr. SANFORD SMITH as temporary Chairman. It was not to create disorder that he made that motion, but to insure the preservation of order by having some one in the Chair authorized to preserve it. It had been charged in the Republican newspapers that he (MURPHY) had said that if CALLICOTT was elected Speaker, he could never take his seat. He (MURPHY) had never held any such threat of violence, and he denied ever having used such language.

Mr. BEAW—Did the gentleman say that "if CALLICOTT was elected he should never take his seat alive?"

Mr. MURPHY. Never! The statement is false. He resented, however, that he should resist by every lawful means what he considered an outrage and an injury to the State.

Mr. HOUGHTON inquired if before Mr. MURPHY took the chair Mr. FIELDS had not entered from the cloak-room and winked at him to do so?

Mr. MURPHY and Mr. FIELDS denied that there was the slightest foundation for Mr. HOUGHTON's statement.

ALBANY, Saturday, Jan. 24—3 P. M.

There has been no change. Mr. MURPHY, of Erie, is speaking on a question of privilege.

3.15 P. M.—Mr. FIELDS, of New-York, has just taken the floor.

Mr. SHERMAN said that he had himself made the motion without consultation with any person.

Mr. FERAN, of Richmond County, desired to be understood that he as a democrat had not voted for the resolution to place Mr. MURPHY in the chair, for he regarded it as meant only as a joke. The Clerk had sometimes delayed the announcement of votes during the temporary absence of members, and he (FERAN) thought that as a matter of courtesy, no notice should have been taken of the temporary absence of the Clerk from this chamber. He (FERAN) was responsible for his own acts only. He could inform the gentleman from Tioga County (DAVIS) that, coming here as he (FERAN) did, from the Quarantine District, he knew perfectly well that contagion was confined to the place where diseases rage. He was happy to say, however, that the contagion had not yet reached him (FERAN.) He had retired quietly in his seat and had not joined the melee in front of the Speaker's desk, and when he saw the gentleman from Tioga County (DAVIS) with his long arms outstretched and shaking his fists over the heads of members, he (FERAN) thought he had been lucky to keep out of his (DAVIS') reach. He desired further to say that he should resist by all lawful and parliamentary means the consummation of corrupt bargains, but that he should yield to the will of the majority of this Assembly whenever a Speaker should be properly elected.

Mr. FERAN then resumed the floor, and after several questions of privilege had been raised and argued, concluded his speech.

[Up o'clock P. M.

Mr. MURPHY has just entered the Assembly Chamber.

As soon as he resumed his seat he rose to a question of privilege, and said that he wished to give notice that the time had almost come when the Republicans would insist on a vote being taken. They would claim protection if they were not able to protect themselves. Again he said they would try to protect themselves.

Mr. FIELDS, on a question of privilege, said that the remarks of the gentleman from Onondaga (MURPHY) partook of the nature of a threat. He had probably been out to arm himself.

Mr. FIELDS then made the charge that Mr. FOX, of Cayuga, had, during the exciting scene in the Chamber this morning, entered the Chamber armed, and had drawn a pistol from his pocket. This was a high breach of privilege.

The gentleman (FOX) was in his seat and he (FIELDS) desired to inquire if the charge was true.

Mr. FOX did not reply.

Mr. DIMOT spoke in condemnation of Mr. CALLICOTT's course, and in defense of his (CALLICOTT's) constituents who had elected him to a seat in this Assembly without any knowledge that he (CALLICOTT) would prove a traitor, for they hated traitors as much to-day as they did when traitors fired the first gun against Fort Sumter. In relation to the question of privilege which had been raised, he (DIMOT) charged that he had seen one member of this House place his hand on a pistole in the breast pocket, while other Republicans had rolled up their sleeves, looking as if they were ready to plunge to their elbows in blood. If they were so eager to fight and use weapons they had better leave this Chamber now, go to the Rappahannock, where the enemies of our country are gathered in battle array.

After a long debate on all sorts of subjects, Judge DEAN, as a basis of compromise, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this House now take a recess till 3 o'clock on Monday, at which hour, immediately after the calling of the roll, and before the reading of the journal, a vote shall be taken for Speaker and Clerk, so that Mr. TREMAIN may be Speaker, with Mr. CRANMAN as Clerk, or Mr. DEPEW, Mr. DAVIS or Mr. SANFORD, Speaker, with Mr. SHELDON as Clerk, with the understanding that all Committees and places under the gentlemen elected shall be fairly, equally and justly divided between the two political parties, and this vote shall not be interrupted by debate or explanations of any kind or upon any point.

Mr. MALLORY, of Oswego, would firmly object to any resolution that might be offered here, and to any motion that might be made to adjourn. He had seen faith broken before. He would now remain here at his post as long as life was in him, until an organization was effected.

The Clerk decided that the resolution of Judge DEAN could not be entertained, as one objection had been made to it.

Much commotion at this time existed on the floor. Several members were proposing compromises, Mr. FIELDS still holding his right to the floor.

Mr. FERAN, of Richmond, on a question of privilege, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to examine each member on the floor, and to report forthwith whether any of the members are armed or carry concealed weapons, and the name or names of any member or members so armed, in order that this House may take such action as they deem necessary.

Objection being made to the resolution, the Clerk decided that the resolution could not be entertained.

Mr. FIELDS appealed from the decision of the Clerk.

Pending the appeal Mr. ALMANZO, on behalf of the Republican members, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn until 11, on Monday morning, at which time, immediately after the calling of the roll and before the reading of the journal, a vote shall be taken for Speaker without debate or explanations upon any point of any kind.

Mr. MARTIN objected to the resolution, unless the word "recess" was used, as he understood that otherwise the business could not be resumed at the point where it is left off.

After explanation on the point, Mr. RAYMONDS objected to the resolution.

Mr. CALLICOTT rose and said—I ask any gentleman or friend of mine to withdraw his objection to that. Fear nothing from the reflection in regard to Sunday—fear nothing. Delay the vote until Monday morning. I trust all objections will be withdrawn.

Mr. RAYMONDS then withdrew his objection, the resolution was adopted, and the Assembly adjourned until 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

Gen. Burnside in Consultation with the Authorities.

The Government Expecting Good News From Vicksburgh.

OUR SPECIAL WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Jan. 24.

Gen. BURNSIDE is again in Washington, working indefatigably with the President, Secretary of War, and Gen. HALLECK.

It is stated that the Government is confident of soon receiving good news from Vicksburgh.

FROM ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, Saturday Jan. 24.

Maj.-Gen. BURNSIDE was in this city to-day and had an interview with President LINCOLN, Secretary SEWARD and Maj.-Gen. HALLECK.

It is generally believed here that all the reports, *that any portion of the Army of the Potomac has recently crossed the Rappahannock are without foundation in fact.*

A telegram from the Army of the Potomac, received to-night, says that there is not anything of interest to communicate.

JOHN H. SETZE and CALVIN POWELL, lately arrested near Dumfries, were both rebel Captains on Gen. STUART's Staff. The evidence against them seems to be conclusive as to their being spies who dressed in citizens' clothes, kept their chief constantly advised of our movements, and especially just before the last rebel raid on Dumfries.

FRAUDS TO BE INVESTIGATED.

The Judge-Advocate General has taken preliminary steps for full investigation of the alleged frauds connected with the Quartermaster's Department at Philadelphia. The testimony, in part, has already been procured. The transactions relate to tents, caps, clothing and other supplies—shoddy entering largely, it is said, into the contracts. The report states that the frauds, at large figure, in the aggregate, several millions.

THE PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Jan. 24.

Mr. WILSON, of Massachusetts, (Rep.,) presented the memorial of Dr. W. S. G. MORTON, asking for compensation for the use of ether in the army and navy.

Mr. TRUMBULL, of Illinois, (Rep.,) offered a joint resolution supplementary to the act to provide for the imprisonment of persons convicted of crime in the District of Columbia. Passed.

Mr. TRUMBULL introduced a bill relating to jurors in courts of the United States. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. GRIMES, of Iowa, (Rep.,) introduced a bill to establish the office of Register of Deeds for the District of Columbia. Referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. FOSTER, of Connecticut, (Rep.,) called up the resolution directing the Secretary of the Navy not to accept the title to Long Island unless Congress shall further direct.

It was discussed at some length by Messrs. COWAN, FOSTER and GRIMES.

The resolution was adopted by yeas 21, nays 14.

Mr. FESSENDEN, of Maine, (Rep.) from the Committee on Finance, reported back the Consular and Diplomatic Appropriation bill.

Mr. DOOLITTLE, of Wisconsin, (Rep.) offered a resolution, which was adopted, requesting the Secretary of the Treasury to communicate to the Senate any information he may have received from the Commissioners appointed for the District of South Carolina, under the act for the collection of direct taxes in insurrectionary States and districts.

Mr. WILSON, of Massachusetts, (Rep.) called up the bill providing for increased clerical force in the Quartermaster-General's office.

On motion of Mr. WILSON, the section providing for a solicitor and three assistants was stricken out, and the bill was amended, so as to give four clerks of class 4, ninety clerks of class 1, thirty copyists and six laborers.

Mr. FESSENDEN offered an amendment, as a new section, providing that in settling the accounts of officers for clothing or supplies, the affidavits of an officer may be received to show the loss of vouchers and papers tending to show that any apparent deficiency was occasioned by an unavoidable accident or loss in actual service, and such affidavit may be considered as evidence to establish the fact with or without other evidence as the Secretary of War may deem proper.

Mr. TRUMBULL, of Illinois, (Rep.) moved to amend the amendment, by inserting the words "stating that he knows of no witness by whom he can prove the facts."

Mr. FESSENDEN thought the amendment would embarrass the action of the Departments very much. He would prefer to withdraw his amendment.

Mr. CLARK, of New-Hampshire, (Rep.) objected to the withdrawal, as he deemed the original amendment eminently just and proper.

Mr. FESSENDEN insisting upon it, his amendment was withdrawn.

Mr. RICE, of Minnesota, (Rep.) renewed the amendment.

Mr. TRUMBULL's amendment to the amendment was rejected by yeas 17; nays 16.

On motion of Mr. SHERMAN, of Ohio, (Rep.) the amendment was amended so as to restrict its provisions to the commanding officer of a company.

The amendment as amended was then adopted by yeas 21; nays 17, and the bill was passed.

Mr. HARLAN, of Iowa, (Rep.) introduced a bill to establish the gauge of the Pacific Railroad and its branches. Referred to a Select Committee.

Adjourned till Monday.

NEWS FROM FORTRESS MONROE.

Execution of a Teamster for the Murder of a Negro.

From Our Own Correspondent.

FORTRESS MONROE, Friday, Jan. 23, 1863.

As an accompaniment to rumors of battle and slaughter of hundreds on the Rappahannock, which are listened to with equanimity, a shudder has not withstanding, pervaded this community to-day at the death of a solitary individual. This was FERDINAND LEWIS, aged about 20, an army teamster, whose home is at Washington, and who was hung at 1 o'clock for the murder, at Camp Hamilton, on 24 September last, of a negro named TOM, employed at the time by the Government.

Horrible as is the deliberate butchery of any human being, the law, both civil and military, in this case demanded it, and few instances can be cited of a more hardened culprit. It frequently occurs that soldiers in our army indulge low and brutal instincts, by forcibly robbing, striking or insulting unfortunate blacks, whose only crime is that both they and their ancestors have been for generations victims of a cruel injustice. The youth in question, who was lame, had indulged at least in the two last tendencies, to a degree exceeding his fellows, and, upon a rude provocation, was called by his victim a "crippled son of a b——h." He had then no weapon, but promised to kill him the next day. This he accomplished at the time specified, by deliberately shooting him in cold blood. He was tried three weeks ago, by court-martial, and readily confessed his crime, expressing a wish also to kill a few more "d—d niggers." The result was a sentence of death, approved by Gen. DIX. Pale and wild-eyed he was led from his cell in the Fortress this morning, by Capt. BIXBY, Provost Marshal, and assisted into a wagon. He calmly nodded to the soldiers around, saying repeatedly "Good bye, men," and was driven to a tug which transported him to the Rip Raps. Silently he was led to the scaffold with his arms bound, accompanied by Rev. Mr. KEYSOR, Chaplain Third New-York Regiment, quietly he stood facing the assemblage, and as the black cap was drawn over his head and face, his only words were "Good bye all." The rope being adjusted to his neck, the Provost Marshal drew a support from under the platform, and the condemned man fell with a jerk. He struggled hard for some moments, but finally ceased. Muscular shiverings followed, and all was still.

I did not attend, and can give no "graphic" description. The man was unknown, and the public do not require it. The sight was harrowing and disgusting. Although enjoined by law, the execution of a human being is in all cases horrible.

Sympathy for the culprit is expressed by certain persons here, because he "only killed a negro." *Their counterparts are often found elsewhere. It is* gratifying to others to see that as an end has arrived to swindling poor negroes of their wages, selling their families, flogging their backs raw, and mutilating them, under United States rule, neither can they be murdered with impunity, as heretofore. The poor creatures will gladden at the thought.

NOAH NELSON, Company C, Sixty-ninth New-York Regiment, died yesterday of acute bronchitis, at Hampton Hospital, in this neighborhood. N.

FROM ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT.

FORTRESS MONROE, Friday, Jan. 23.

Commodore MORRIS captured one schooner and two sloops, last night, at the mouth of the Carrytuck Creek, near the James River. The schooner's cargo was purchased in Norfolk, and the bills amounted to $5,000, and consisted of gum shellac, quinine, boots, shoes and a general assortment.

The steamboat *John A. Warner*, Capt. CORY, arrived here this afternoon from Washington, loaded with army ambulances.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday, Jan. 24.

A recent report of the Board of Underwriters shows that the losses to the shipping engaged in the coastwise and foreign trade, during the past year, amount to six and a half millions of dollars—an extraordinary excess over former years.

The opposition steamer *Moses Taylor* is advertised to sail for Panama on the 11th of March.

The Legislature of Washington Territory has passed an act punishing persons refusing to receive "legal tender notes" at par, by imposing a fine of from five to ten hundred dollars, and imprisonment for six months.

The telegraph poles are all set from the northern border of California to Vancouver, Washington Territory, and the wires will be placed on the poles in less than three months.

Trade is depressed. Sales of 1,000 tons of Cumberland coal here and on the way at a decline from last quotations. Candles—sales 1,000 boxes at 19½c. @20c. per pound.

SUCCESSES IN ARKANSAS.

Our Gunboats Over Three Hundred Miles Up the White River.

Capture of St. Charles, Duval's Bluff and Des Arc.

Provisions, Cannon, Small Arms and Ammunition Secured.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Jan. 24.

The Secretary of the Navy received the following:

CAIRO, Friday, Jan. 23.

I have just (3:30 P. M.) received a telegram from Memphis, Tenn., from Acting Rear-Admiral D. D. FORREST, on board the "United States steamer *Black Hawk*, Mouth of White River, Jan. 20," as follows:

"We have taken St. Charles, Duval's Bluff and Des Arc, and the light draths are over three hundred miles above the mouth of the White River. The Ko Kalb, Lieut.-Commander WAXER, captured at Duval's Bluff two 8-inch guns, with carriages, ammunition, &c., two hundred held rifles, and three platform cars, and at Des Arc we captured 20 prisoners and a quantity of arms and ammunition."

(Signed) A. L. PENNOCK, Fleet Captain.

THE PLACES CAPTURED.

St. Charles is a small post-village in Arkansas County.

Des Arc is a small town in Prairie County, on the White River, about 50 miles northeast of Little Rock. It is situated in a rich cotton and corn growing district, and used to have considerable trade. The river is navigable by steamboats from this point to its mouth, in all stages of water. The town was laid out in 1846, and has some 500 inhabitants.

Duval's Bluff is located in Prairie County, Ark., and is a post-village. The rebels have for some time had a number of guns posted in the vicinity.

AFFAIRS ON THE MISSISSIPPI.

Arrival of Sick and Wounded from Below—The New Gunboats at Cairo, &c.

From Our Own Correspondent.

CAIRO, Ill., Tuesday, Jan. 20, 1863.

The steamer *Die Vernon*, from Memphis, brought up to-day a considerable number of the sick and wounded from the late battle-fields of Vicksburgh and Arkansas Post. Twenty of these died on the passage up from wounds, sickness and exhaustion. Among them were men belonging to the Eighty-third Indiana, Third Iowa and One Hundred and Eighth Illinois Regiments, one Lieutenant of the latter, besides five rebel soldiers. Their bodies were landed near the naval dépôt, wrapped in their own gray blankets—the soldiers' only winding-sheet—and were placed in coffins and conveyed in a steamer to the Mound City Cemetery for burial. The *New Era* gunboat yesterday brought up the remains of the brave GWINN, who fell mortally wounded while in command of the gunboat *Benton* at Vicksburgh. To-day, at noon, the body was landed and forwarded to his friends by the Illinois Central Railroad. The flags on all the National vessels in port were displayed at half-mast. Capt. FERRIS, on behalf of Commander PENNOCK, who is too ill to leave his quarters, received the remains, which were covered by the American flag and borne upon the shoulders of six sailors. A squad of marines escorted the body, all the naval officers at the station in full uniform walking in procession to the depôt. Unfeigned respect and even admiration is entertained among all naval men in the West for this gallant officer.

Capt. WALK arrived yesterday from St. Louis, to take charge of the new gunboat *Lafayette*. He is esteemed one of the bravest commanders on the Western waters, and his urbanity is equal to his courage; he is also an excellent disciplinarian, and it is believed, in his hands, the *Lafayette* will make a decided impression on the rhinoceros hides of the rebels along the Mississippi.

The *Little Rebel*, which, it will be remembered, was built at Pittsburgh, for towing at New-Orleans, and was afterward captured by Commodore FARRAGUT as a gunboat, is undergoing alterations. Her iron armor is being removed, and iron casemates are to be substituted. She is hereafter to be used as a dispatch boat. She is one of the fastest boats of her power and length on the Western waters. She is in command of Capt. GREGORY, an intrepid and able officer of much experience.

The *Lafayette* has received all her guns, and yesterday steamed to her former anchorage in the Ohio, preparatory to receiving her crew, coal, &c. The gunboat *Eastport*, having undergone extensive alterations and repairs, *came down from Mound City yesterday*, and is now receiving her guns.

Paymaster KELLY has arrived from Chicago and has been assigned to the *Lafayette*. A portion of her other officers, and also part of her crew, are on board.

The Ohio, under the heavy rains and melting snow, has steadily risen, until its banks are higher than they have been known at the same season for several years. There is now a five knot current in the river, and boats have to do much puffing and blowing to get up stream.

The rain of the last two days has ceased, and the weather is much milder; but the streets of Cairo—the least said about them the better. DE SOTO.

NEWS FROM NASHVILLE.

A Fleet of Boats on the Cumberland Attacked—The Rebels Driven Off, &c.

NASHVILLE, Saturday, Jan. 24.

The fleet left yesterday noon. Last night, opposite Bettistown Landing, they were fired into by the rebels with three field pieces on the bluff. The gunboat *St. Clair* engaged the enemy, who were driven into the woods. The fleet arrived safely at Clarksville.

Col. WILLIAM B. STEERE, of the First Tennessee Cavalry, in a personal difficulty yesterday at Murfreesboro, was shot by Capt. FERRIS, of the same regiment. His wound is a serious one. FERRIS has disappeared.

FUNERAL OF GEORGE TENNENT.—The funeral of GEORGE TENNENT, formerly a gentleman of considerable note in this City, took place yesterday from the Scotch Presbyterian Church, in Cedar-street. The services were performed by Rev. Dr. DE WITT, assisted by Rev. Dr. HEMAN.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

THE ORIGIN AND HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE—And of the Early Literature it Embodies. By GEORGE P. MARSH. New-York: CHARLES SCRIBNER.

For this work, as for Mr. MARSH's former admirable treatise on the English language, we are indebted to the stimulus afforded by an invitation to deliver a course of public lectures. In the present instance, our obligation is to the Trustees of the Lowell Institute; in the former we had to thank the management of Columbia College. Though neither book is essential to the completeness of the other, the two form together a noble monument of comprehensive and thorough learning, of fine, scholarly taste, and of philosophic judgment. Of the two, the present course—for the form of lectures is retained in the book—is, perhaps, the more substantial and valuable. Treating of the language in its origin and literary history, rather than in its most ultimate structure and grammatical development, it lays down general principles of great importance to scholars everywhere, at the same time that it puts us in possession of a far more judicious, integral and satisfactory view of the literature than was previously accessible.

The period to whose literary history Mr. MARSH devotes this volume begins with the thirteenth century, and closes with the sixteenth. The principal literary movements of these four centuries he reviews in their order, beginning with LAYAMON'S "Chronicle of Brutus," and ending with HOOKER'S "Ecclesiastical Politie." In the first the language, ceasing to be Anglo-Saxon, and just becoming English, is still rude, elementary and imperfect; in the last it has grown to that magnificent richness and flexibility which made it a fit medium for the genius of SPENSER, BACON or SHAKESPEARE. Dividing the four centuries into several periods, Mr. MARSH constantly considers the language and literature together, thus making each illustrate the other, and giving new interest to the study of both. Beginning with the origin of the English in the primitive Teutonic stock, he gives in two lectures a comprehensive view of the Anglo-Saxon people and tongue; he then exhibits the reciprocal effect and final fusion of the Anglo-Saxon and Norman-French languages, the British nation and British speech slowly becoming one together. The works which have been preserved from the Anglo-Saxon period, the "Chronicle of Brutus," the *Ancrene Riwle* and the *Ormulum*, he discusses at considerable length, as they well deserve, from the light they shed upon the early constructions and tendencies of the language during the dark age of English philological history—the first half of the thirteenth century. In the lecture upon the period from 1250 to 1350, he cites a proclamation of HENRY III., issued in 1258; the romance of "Kyng Alisaunder;" the "Owl and the Nightingale;" the "Geste of Kyng Horn;" the "Surtees Psalter;" the "Chronicle of Robert of Gloucester;" the "Chronicle of Robert of Brunne;" and the political songs and poems of the fourteenth century. Next we are brought to the study of the period from 1350 to the time of LANGLAND, the supposed author of "Piers' Ploughman;" the principal movements of this period are the travels of Sir JOHN MANDEVILLE, and the poems of LAWRENCE MINOT. "Piers' Ploughman" Mr. MARSH dwells upon at great length, not only as illustrating the essential difference between the Anglo-Saxon literature and that which is indisputably English, but also because justice has never been done to its great political merits and its importance in English literary history. WYCLIFFE and his school form the subject of one of the most interesting lectures of the whole course, which is followed by a profoundly appreciative discussion of CHAUCER and GOWER, in which ample justice is done to the great poet of the "Canterbury Pilgrims," at the same time that the condition and characteristics of the language, as it existed in his time and is illustrated in his writings, are minutely and most instructively demonstrated. The period from the beginning of the Fifteenth Century, to the time of CAXTON is next taken up, including the writings of THOMAS OCCLEVE, the "King's Quair," by JAMES I., of Scotland, the poems of LYDGATE, and the prose writings of Bishop PECOCK. In the lecture which treats of the language and literature from the time of CAXTON to the accession of ELIZABETH, an account is given of the services which that famous printer rendered to literature, with an extract from his introduction to the "Morte d'Arthur;" to Lord BERNERS' translation of "Froissart," a very high importance is attributed, both philological and literary. The pretensions of Sir THOMAS MORE are rather unfavorably considered; and of TYNDALE'S translation of the New Testament, it is said that it exerted a more marked influence upon English philology than any other native production between the ages of CHAUCER and SHAKESPEARE. Passing to the poetical writers of this period, Mr. MARSH says it is little to the credit of modern taste that so gross and repulsive an author as SKELTON,—whose reputation is due, however, to his classical scholarship mainly,—should be better known to students of old English literature than the graceful and elegant SURREY and WYATT. But while the latter two did much to refine and polish the language of poetry, they are to be responsible for depriving it of something of its force and energy, by lessening the authority of CHAUCER, and causing him to be neglected, until SPENSER, half a century later, declared him to be the fountain and reservoir of the English tongue.

The concluding lecture treats of the period of ELIZABETH; in it Mr. MARSH speaks of Sackville, Holinshed, Stanihurst, Euphuism, Sir Philip Sidney, Joshua Sylvester, Spenser, Lord Bacon, Puttenham's "Arte of English Poesie," the translations of Plutarch, Pliny, Virgil and Ovid; the "Decades of Peter Martyr" the "Travels of Virtomannus," "Hakluyt's Voyages and Travels," "Hooker's Ecclesiastical Politie," and, finally, of SHAKESPEARE, though not at much length or with much elaboration of criticism. Mr. MARSH does not, however, fall in with the current of fashion of ascribing to the great dramatist every intellectual accomplishment. Drawing a striking parallel between him and CHAUCER, he shows that each was deeply indebted to the age and circumstances amid which he lived. In England, at the time of SHAKESPEARE, the human intellect, head, affections and passions were more fully developed than in any cotemporaneous people. The Englishman of that period was at a more advanced point for the comprehensive observation of human life and nature, than has ever yet been reached in the society of any other of the Gothic or Romance nations. CHAUCER had great advantages over SHAKESPEARE in possessing a better philological trainer. He knew French nearly as well as English, beside Latin and Italian; while SHAKESPEARE had acquired nothing beyond the merest smattering of any language save his own. In using that language, however, he employs a comparatively limited vocabulary. His entire stock of words is not more than one-half or one-third of those in use at his time. He employs in all, little over fifteen thousand, and of these a large number chiefly of Latin origin, occur but once or twice in his pages. His marvelous power of diction lies in skillful selection and combination, and the choice of the whole copious English vocabulary was necessary for its exercise. As in Italy GIMABUE, GIOTTO, FRA ANGELICO and PERUGINO were indispensable to the assistance of a RAFFAEL, so all previous English philology and literature were required to create the language necessary for the revelations of SHAKESPEARE.

The fault of this book, as of its author's writings in general, is the tendency of a certain heaviness of style, which is little surprising in one whose studies have lain so much among the earlier treasures of our literature. But this is a trifling defect. On the other hand, Mr. MARSH everywhere handles his theme with the easy mastery which belongs to profound acquaintance with every branch of his subject. Familiar with the whole range of modern philological research, and especially intimate with all that concerns the languages and literatures of the great Teutonic family, and bringing to his work a mind as broadly suggestive as it is richly stored, he enriches his page with occasional observations of great worth upon a variety of kindred topics, and betrays everywhere the taste of an artist as well as the conscientiousness of a scholar. Finally, it is our judgment that no other work on English literary history in general is to be compared with this, either in point of erudition, of comprehensiveness, of philologic insight, of literary discrimination, or of permanent utility.

—It may be laid down as a general proposition, that of all books, memoirs are entitled to bear away the palm of uninteresting ness. But all rules are subject to exceptions, and one of these exceptions we have in *Memoirs of Mrs. Joanna Bethune*, by her son, the late Rev. GEORGE W. BETHUNE, D.D., lately published by the HARPERS. The life of a woman like Mrs. BETHUNE belongs not to her family alone. It is of right a legacy to the whole world of the living. Beyond the hearthstone of her own friends and relatives, out into the great gulf where the waters of scorn and unbelief have their familiar home, it should be permitted to flow, carrying its inspiriting freshness and encouraging example to the very doors of thoughtlessness and infidelity. The life of a true Christian is as fragrant and efficacious as the prayers of the just. There are those of this City who will remember Mrs. BETHUNE in her noble, self-denying labors; in her life, which was one unbroken record of trust and devotion, staying not her hand in its zeal for any obstacles that the world could interpose; wearying never of her self-imposed duties, doubting not, for a moment, that the future would bring to her labors fruition and reward, and seeking for them no other recognition and recompense in the present than that which her own conscience gave. The biography of such a mother, written by such a son as Dr. BETHUNE, an accomplished scholar, an eloquent orator and preacher, a poet, and a thoroughly Christian man, withal, could not be other than interesting. Other works he has published; the world knows him as an author, and critics have been loud in his praise, but, as the editor of the present volume, in a brief note, truly remarks, "Nothing from his pen will be read with greater admiration than this simple memorial of the mother who taught him to speak." It is one of those records which the world will not willingly let die—a book for which the ever-increasing demand goes far to redeem the popular taste from the brand which an apparent thirst for meretricious works has stamped upon it.

—*The Monitor; or, Jottings of a New-York Merchant During a Trip Around the Globe*, comes to us from the press of Mr. G. W. CARLETON. The most careful research does not reveal to us anything approaching literary merit in its pages, and as a large lithograph of the mercantile house with which the author is connected forms the tail-piece of the book, and an engraving of the author himself the frontispiece, we are moved to the conclusion that it is printed for advertising purposes merely, and that a notice of it properly belongs to the advertising columns. We would not willingly be harsh in judgment, but it is much as though an amateur should attempt to sketch the world simply for the sake of getting his own portrait in the foreground, and his own green grocer shop or stocking store in the next most conspicuous place.

—Capt. SZABAD begins his *Modern War; Its Theory and Practice*; just published by the HARPERS, with the rather novel declaration that "War is no novelty in human society," and the following super-comparative sentence: "The first two brothers born in this world begun the fight, and it has ever since, from time to time, swept the face of the earth with more or less greater masses." We can readily imagine how a foreigner whose name is only susceptible of pronunciation with the adventitious aid of a sneeze and a cough, should be betrayed into a *lapsus grammatica*, when skirmishing with English, but how our excellent friends of Franklin-square, who write and publish the best school books of this or any other period, should be betrayed into anything of the kind, passes our comprehension. Our language contrives to flank a foreigner, all in the natural order of Providence, but natives, and educated natives, should not allow themselves to be thus surprised. We are afraid the HARPERS in this instance neglected to read their own proofs. Setting this slight matter of "more greater masses" aside, Capt. SZABAD has given us a very useful and interesting book, abounding with anecdote and incident gathered from the celebrated campaigns of the world, for the enlightenment of modern warriors.

—*The Black Man, His Antecedents, His Genius and His Achievements*, is the title of a book written by WILLIAM WELLS BROWN and published by THOMAS HAMILTON, of this City. In stating that Mr. BROWN is himself a black man, we trust we do not prejudice the reader against either the book or its author. White men have been guilty of worse things in a literary way than these brief biographies of notable men of color, which Mr. BROWN furnishes us. He writes very good English, and tells his stories briefly and pointedly, avoiding that diffuse style of narrative and egotistical vein in which so many white authors and all Boston writers indulge. Not the least interesting portion of the book is the memoir of the author which prefaces it. Mr. BROWN, it seems, has himself been a slave, and is versed in all the arts and mysteries of the plantation. Like many others of his race, he can boast that some of the best blood of the South flows through his dusky veins. The blue blood of Castile will, perhaps, some day find its rival in this black blood of the Carolinas. It has been a matter of some wonder and remark that these fugitive slaves should almost invariably be persons of superior talent. It should be remembered, however, that the fact of their being possessed of more than average ability, of something approaching to genius, is shown in the first instance when they make their escape from Slavery. Of course, it is a source of congratulation to us that they do not all insist on giving further proofs of genius by writing books, though, if they all write as well as Mr. BROWN does, we should have very little reason to complain.

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—In the *Employments of Women*, by Miss VIRGINIA PENNY, women desirous of work will find many kinds of work enumerated which they can do—many that they cannot. There seems to be no branch of business, professional or mechanical, to which Miss PENNY has not devoted her laborious researches, with a view to finding therein an avenue for the employment of females. And it also seems that there is no business extant in which women are not employed to a greater or less extent; inasmuch as we find them making pins and putty as well as pies, rocking cradles in gold mines as well as cradles at home containing less auriferous lumps of clay, extending their lines of approach to almost all masculine employments, and flinging the shuttle of their genius, or ambition, across the world in a dozen different ways, woofing all humanity with the silver tissue of the feminine presence. The woman determinedly bent on finding immediate employment could, perhaps, very well dispense with the vein of cheap moralizing in which the author frequently indulges, and also with many lines of information not strictly germane to the subject, which she chooses to give; but all this goes to swell the volume of a book, and, inferentially, its value. No one will dispute, however, that the work may not only justly be called a cyclopedia of woman's work, but also a cyclopedia of all work on earth. It is published by WALKER, WISE & Co., of Boston, and copies are for sale in the State House, Room No. 44.

—If the publication of HALEWOOD'S *Tood Book on Pennsylvania* is not calculated to make a nation of good writers of us, we do not know what is. He omits nothing and extenuates nothing in the art of penmanship, commencing with its rudiments, and leading the learner, by degrees, up to the very inkstand of perfection. He teaches his pupils not only to form letters, but also how to frame them, how to punctuate, how to spell; how to write the tender missive, and how to model the court business letter. In short, Mr. HALEWOOD'S book may properly be styled the *vade mecum* of all who ever have occasion to put pen into ink. It is published for the author by D. APPLETON & Co.

—We have not carefully perused the "Michigan State Gazeteer and Business Directory for 1863-4," coming to us from the hands of the compiler and publisher, CHARLES F. CLARK, of Detroit, but we doubt not that it is a book cheerful and entertaining to the general reader, and one which "no gentleman's library should be without." A very brief look through its pages—or rather a glance at its title page—enables us to testify to its usefulness to Wolverines, and all who have dealings with them, inasmuch as it embraces within its scope historical and descriptive sketches of all the cities, towns and villages, throughout the State, together with classified lists of all professions, trades and pursuits; names of all organized companies, State and county officers, and full information regarding the mercantile and manufacturing interests of the State.

—We are getting a little tired of the military books or tracts that are spawned forth of late from the bowels of otherwise unemployed presses. To stick one of these thin pale little books into the soldier's hand furnishes him with about as clear an idea of the art of war as one of the Rev. Mr. SILAS HOCKMOWER'S tracts—*The Wash Woman of Finchley Common*, for instance—would of the science of theology. About the science of war on the Northern side there is altogether too much theory and too little practice—less talk and more straightforward work in the field were preferable to the present condition of things. One would have thought there were books enough, in all conscience, on war and everything either directly or remotely appertaining to it, but D. VAN NOSTRAND publishes *Hints to Company Officers*, by Capt. C. C. ANDREWS; and JAMES WILEY publishes a book on advanced guard, outpost and detachment service duty, by D. H. MAHAN, LL. D.

THE NEGROES PREFERRED.—In a letter of one of our officers recently exchanged is an account of a significant circumstance, that occurred while on his way South as a prisoner:

"As we were paroled, we had more liberty than the rest of the party. Instead of staying with the rest nights, we would put up at hotels, and report to the provost in the morning and join our party. Two or three times we stayed over a day or two, and went on with the next lot. At one place, which it would be unwise to mention, we found some negroes who asked us if we were Yankees. On assuring them we were, and speaking a few kind words, they asked us to follow them at a distance to a room of theirs. We had not been there long before several joined them, each speaking some word through the keyhole, without which they would get no reply from those within. They asked us innumerable questions about the North, the Administration, and the prospects of the war, which we answered to the best of our knowledge. They told us that they were organized into secret societies throughout the South, and were patiently waiting for an opportunity to render the President's expected Proclamation of Freedom their aid. Several present were men whom their masters trusted in important transactions, and many assured me that their masters could hardly be convinced they would do aught against them. Though, if they all write as well as Mr. BROWN does, we should have very little reason to complain.

—While speaking of authors and their compositions, it occurs to us that were the HON. SMITH CARPENTER, who wrote the book, The Nile, which Mr. CARLETON publishes, a black man, we should abuse him, and cite the book forever after as a proof that the negro race is incapable of attaining even a moderate degree of literary excellence. But as there is strong internal evidence that the CARPENTER referred to is a white man, pride of race restrains us from drawing invidious comparisons between the biography he has written and the life sketches of Mr. BROWN, which form the subject matter of the preceding paragraph. Miss EMMA WHITING, whose biography Mr. CARLETON has seized upon as a pretence for writing a book, seems to have been a young lady possessed of much beauty of character as well as of person, and must have been a great favorite in that social circle which was graced by her presence. But it is a fortunate thing that the lives of all such young ladies are not written, else the land would be flooded with books. Miss WHITING has not been fortunate in her biographer, who seems to be a fussy, pretentious sort of person, much given to twaddle and wordy piety, who never loses an opportunity of making himself appear ridiculous, and would bring the subject of his memoir into the same light were such a thing possible. It is much to be regretted that the author of *Here and Beyond* had not stopped there, without attempting to go beyond.

—*Hellas* is written by THOMAS CHASE, and published by BEYER & FRANCIS. In it we have notes of the author's personal observations during a tour in Greece. It is only justice to say that the same ground has been traveled before, and the story better told by other lips. To put it very mildly, Mr. CHASE has a formidable rival in EDMOND ABOUT. The author's reasons for publishing the book at this juncture, as given in the preface, are so extraordinary, that we doubt not that a close study of *Hellas* would reveal some very remarkable facts.

—In the *Employments of Women*, by Miss VIRGINIA PENNY, women desirous of work will find many kinds of work enumerated which they can do—many that they cannot. There seems to be no branch of business, professional or mechanical, to which Miss PENNY has not devoted her laborious researches, with a view to finding therein an avenue for the employment of females. And it also seems that there is no business extant in which women are not employed to a greater or less extent; inasmuch as we find them making pins and putty as well as pies, rocking cradles in gold mines as well as cradles at home containing less auriferous lumps of clay, extending their lines of approach to almost all masculine employments, and flinging the shuttle of their genius, or ambition, across the world in a dozen different ways, woofing all humanity with the silver tissue of the feminine presence. The woman determinedly bent on finding immediate employment could, perhaps, very well dispense with the vein of cheap moralizing in which the author frequently indulges, and also with many lines of information not strictly germane to the subject, which she chooses to give; but all this goes to swell the volume of a book, and, inferentially, its value. No one will dispute, however, that the work may not only justly be called a cyclopedia of woman's work, but also a cyclopedia of all work on earth. It is published by WALKER, WISE & Co., of Boston, and copies are for sale in the State House, Room No. 44.

—If the publication of HALEWOOD'S *Tood Book on Pennsylvania* is not calculated to make a nation of good writers of us, we do not know what is. He omits nothing and extenuates nothing in the art of penmanship, commencing with its rudiments, and leading the learner, by degrees, up to the very inkstand of perfection. He teaches his pupils not only to form letters, but also how to frame them, how to punctuate, how to spell; how to write the tender missive, and how to model the court business letter. In short, Mr. HALEWOOD'S book may properly be styled the *vade mecum* of all who ever have occasion to put pen into ink. It is published for the author by D. APPLETON & Co.

—We have not carefully perused the "Michigan State Gazeteer and Business Directory for 1863-4," coming to us from the hands of the compiler and publisher, CHARLES F. CLARK, of Detroit, but we doubt not that it is a book cheerful and entertaining to the general reader, and one which "no gentleman's library should be without." A very brief look through its pages—or rather a glance at its title page—enables us to testify to its usefulness to Wolverines, and all who have dealings with them, inasmuch as it embraces within its scope historical and descriptive sketches of all the cities, towns and villages, throughout the State, together with classified lists of all professions, trades and pursuits; names of all organized companies, State and county officers, and full information regarding the mercantile and manufacturing interests of the State.

—We are getting a little tired of the military books or tracts that are spawned forth of late from the bowels of otherwise unemployed presses. To stick one of these thin pale little books into the soldier's hand furnishes him with about as clear an idea of the art of war as one of the Rev. Mr. SILAS HOCKMOWER'S tracts—*The Wash Woman of Finchley Common*, for instance—would of the science of theology. About the science of war on the Northern side there is altogether too much theory and too little practice—less talk and more straightforward work in the field were preferable to the present condition of things. One would have thought there were books enough, in all conscience, on war and everything either directly or remotely appertaining to it, but D. VAN NOSTRAND publishes *Hints to Company Officers*, by Capt. C. C. ANDREWS; and JAMES WILEY publishes a book on advanced guard, outpost and detachment service duty, by D. H. MAHAN, LL. D.

THE NEGROES PREFERRED.—In a letter of one of our officers recently exchanged is an account of a significant circumstance, that occurred while on his way South as a prisoner:

"As we were paroled, we had more liberty than the rest of the party. Instead of staying with the rest nights, we would put up at hotels, and report to the provost in the morning and join our party. Two or three times we stayed over a day or two, and went on with the next lot. At one place, which it would be unwise to mention, we found some negroes who asked us if we were Yankees. On assuring them we were, and speaking a few kind words, they asked us to follow them at a distance to a room of theirs. We had not been there long before several joined them, each speaking some word through the keyhole, without which they would get no reply from those within. They asked us innumerable questions about the North, the Administration, and the prospects of the war, which we answered to the best of our knowledge. They told us that they were organized into secret societies throughout the South, and were patiently waiting for an opportunity to render the President's expected Proclamation of Freedom their aid. Several present were men whom their masters trusted in important transactions, and

AFFAIRS AT CAIRO.

A Cold Spell—Fall of Snow—Troops and Contrabands—The Capture of Arkansas Post—Health of the Place, &c.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

CAIRO, Ill., Sunday, Jan. 18, 1863.

Years have passed since Cairo was visited by so cold a spell as that which we have experienced during the week just closed. Following the rain storm which began on Tuesday, there was continuous snow for forty-eight hours, with a gale of wind from the northeast, and on Friday and Saturday the thermometer fell to 12 and 15 degrees. The heavy snow fall delayed movements on the railroad; the mails have been behind time, and affairs generally have been very much at a stand in the naval and military line. Troops in the field must have suffered much from the extreme cold. Here the Bitsols troops which have been doing guard duty over the 500 and odd secession prisoners, have had a hard time of it in their scanty and poorly provided barracks. The rebel prisoners, who are very poorly clad, and many almost shoeless, have shared the ill-fortune of the Union soldiers. Yesterday they were happily relieved from duress, and the whole party went on board the steamer *Hannibal* and another steamer, and were sent down the river to be exchanged at Vicksburgh, or some other central point. With them were also sent down some 700 others, who came from Louisville, making a total of about 1,300, who will be released for an equal number of Union soldiers taken at Vicksburgh and other recent fights.

There are few troops just now coming and going at this point, and the only gunboats are those fitting for service below, and now nearly ready. Of these the chief is the *Lafayette*, the best and most formidable war vessel yet constructed in Western waters. On Saturday she came to the dock to receive the remainder of her immense battery, and to-day she again hauls to her anchorage in the stream, preparatory to taking in coal and receiving her crew. It is thought that she will be the flagship of Rear-Admiral FOOTE.

The news of the capture of Arkansas Post by the Union army under McCLERNAND, with from five to seven thousand prisoners, produced great satisfaction here, and seems to atone in some measure for the disaster at Vicksburgh.

The health of this place, which is notoriously bad at most all seasons of the year, is very bad at present, and to add to the trouble of the situation, the small-pox prevails to an alarming extent among both the citizens of the place and strangers. It was first introduced by the One Hundred and First Illinois Regiment about three months ago, and has steadily spread and prevailed ever since. About two hundred cases exist in the town at the present time. Among the blacks who have congregated here, from various points, the disease makes terrible havoc. They find little proper attention, except medical treatment, which is very good, under the superintendence of Dr. TROGAER, the post surgeon, and his assistants, who do all in their power to alleviate the sufferings of this unfortunate class. The deaths among the "contrabands," from all causes, have been from eight to ten per week, in an average number of about four hundred. One week it was twenty, and even as high as twenty-six. In two weeks, not long since, it was fifty-one. There are signs of the disease abating. The cold weather has been favorable. I regret to be obliged to say that these are not all the evils to which these now "free people of African descent" are subjected. There is a great demand for their services in every department of labor, and very little regard is paid to the number of the persons employed by the Government actually have to direct and superintend them. They are driven like cattle, whether able or not, to work, and in many cases are licked and abused out roughly by their drivers, to whom ever they have been committed. Besides all this, no regard is paid to the amount of *time* they are worked; and it is frequently the case that they have been worked late at night, and then turned to again early in the morning. As it is certainly not the intention of the Government that the manners and treatment of the plantation should be extended to this useful, this almost indispensable class of laborers, they would do well to correct some of these abuses as soon as possible. They have rations given out to them; but the improper modes in which it is cooked, and the sanitary defects of their quarters—called here, "the nigger corral"—are chargeable with much of the sickness prevailing among them. Another evil is the practice of *separating families*—the worst evil we have charged upon the system of Slavery. The necessities of the service seem to demand, in many cases, that the effective laborers be transferred to distant places, and the practice has been to send away the male adults, and leave the women and children behind. This adds very much to their sufferings, and a more humane system of treatment ought to be adopted.

Just as I am closing my letter, the steamers *Hannibal* and *J. D. Peck*, which left here yesterday with rebel prisoners, have returned, bringing their entire rebel cargoes with them. The two steamers proceeded as far as Columbus, when Col. HAWKINS, of the Eleventh Kentucky, who was in charge of the expedition, received orders from Gen. GRANT to return and report at Cairo. The particular cause for this sudden change in the programme of exchange is not given. It is supposed, however, that the danger to the boats and their crews from rebel batteries along the river is among the motives which induced the change. Rumor says that many of these persons have been previously released on parole, and Gen. GRANT does not like the idea of fighting the same men so often. If this were the case, I do not see why they should have been ordered away at all.

The river is rising very fast, and a large force is now employed in removing salt and other goods which are likely to be submerged or swept away. The stream (of the Ohio) is filled with drifting wood and *debris* which has been floated off from the upper banks by the rise in the river.

The weather is getting mild again, and the streets are already ankle deep in Egyptian mud.

DE SOTO.

The Battle of Hartville, Missouri.

ADDRESS OF GEN. WARREN TO HIS TROOPS.

HEADQUARTERS, HOUSTON, MO., Jan. 15, 1863.

SOLDIERS: You have fought one of the fiercest battles of the war. You have, with eight hundred men, actually engaged, met and repulsed six thousand of the enemy. Against their five pieces of artillery you had two. They had their choice of position, and planted their guns on a point which I had selected as being impregnable. With three thousand five hundred in full view, you knew the odds against you. Completely surrounded, except on one line of retreat, you fought for six hours, and then only fell back because your artillery ammunition was failing and your single cartlet exhausted. Not an article of property was captured, and your covering infantry held the field after the enemy had retired.

History, in the larger battles of this great rebellion, may make no full mention of your names, but the truth that a determined column, more than half of whom were never before under fire, stood like veterans without faltering or flinching before volley after volley and charge after charge, will be a glorious memory to those who love you, and an honest pride in your own hearts.

But I must not fail to do justice to the 500 who, knowing that the enemy were still in force below, rushed with me to give them battle again, and when I learned of their flank movement toward Houston, countermarched, making *sixty-four miles through rain and rain in twenty-four hours*, to defend your camp, and all this in perfect order and discipline, without a murmur or complaint.

Nor may I pass without mention the cool and determined courage of the weak force left in defend. When my courier came in to warn of the approach of the enemy, with an order to hold to the last extremity, officers and men, invalids and convalescents, stood ready without panic or alarm to defend to the last.

Soldiers: Your endurance and your valor are beyond praise; your accomplishment worthy of the highest commendation. Beyond the bare of reinforcement, you have held your [illegible] the money; saved Lebanon and [illegible] your post, from burning and sack.

I give you my [illegible] and my thanks and gratitude [illegible] associated with this brigade in [illegible] of my future life.

FITZ-HENRY WARREN, Brigadier-General.

DELAWARE.

Gov. CANNON on the Slavery Question.

The following are extracts from the able and voluminous message which Gov. CANNON submitted to the Legislature of Delaware immediately after his inauguration:

"To the State of Delaware, a Southern Confederacy, if established, must be a foreign nation. We cannot unite with it, and in assuming for whatever contingency the future may present of union or separation, it becomes our duty, as well as our interest, to maintain as rapidly as possible with those with whom, from necessity, if not from choice, we are compelled to associate. The only difference between us and the State of Pennsylvania, with which our relations of trade and intercourse are closest, is the existence of African Slavery, and to it alone is to be ascribed whatever of doubt was created as to the loyalty of our people, and whatever of sympathy really existed among us in favor of rebellion. Originally forming a portion of the same provincial Government, from our failure to imitate her laudable example of emancipation, we have lagged in the march of material improvement; but not even the difference of domestic institutions can thwart the operations of the laws of trade, and Philadelphia is as much the metropolitan city of Delaware as of the neighboring counties of Pennsylvania.

"With these facts unalterably established, it must be that Slavery in this State is doomed. We have no material interest in the prosperity of which it contributes. The gradual assimilation constantly going on must work out its extinction. The period may be longer or shorter, but the result is inevitable, despite the struggles of those who would perpetuate it as a social institution or a political machine. The whole population of the State, as shown by the last census, is 112,216. Of this number 90,589 are whites and 21,627 negroes. Of the latter, 19,689 are free and 1,938 slaves, so that there is a total free population of 110,278 and 1,938 slaves. The latter are distributed among the several counties in the following numbers: New-Castle, 354; Kent, 203; Sussex, 1,341; while the aggregate free population of New-Castle is 84,649; Kent, 9,001; Sussex, 16,274; being in New-Castle, 1 slave to 178 free; Kent, 1 slave to 44 free; and Sussex, 1 slave to 12 free; and in the aggregate 1 slave to 61 free persons in the State. This calculation is based upon the census enumeration, in which the slaves are counted as for life, whereas, in fact, a large portion are manumitted, to whom, under the laws of this State, the right to freedom, according to the act of manumission, attaches, and who ought, therefore, for the purpose of this discussion, to be considered free—the question now being, whether the State shall be declared free by an emancipation policy, present or prospective, immediate or gradual. There are no means of ascertaining with certainty how many are held as manumitted servants, but I do not think that one-third would be an over estimate, and the above figures should be correspondingly reduced.

"By our statute, the children of manumitted slaves, born after the act of manumission, are not slaves for life, but for a limited period only, and, therefore, the aggregate is subject to another abatement. Of the residue, a considerable number are children and decrepit persons, unable to work, and, in an inquiry as to their productive value, are also to be deducted. It appears, then, that a very small proportion of the labor of the State is dependent upon the slave population. The kind of labor they perform is merely agricultural and domestic, and whatever may be the question as to the necessity of slave labor in the Cotton States, no one will pretend that, in this State, there is any species of work that cannot be as well performed by a freeman as a slave—by a white man as a negro. If it can be, the sole question remaining, will it be done as well? This is settled by determining whether paid or unpaid labor is best performed—whether wages are any incentive to the laborer—whether a man will work as well without pay as for it—and this, irrespective of whether the laborer be white or black.

"What prevents more rapid immigration into this State, and the consequent increase, not only of population, but of general improvement attendant upon it? Nothing but the fact, that in institution—in education—in name, it is a Slave State. There is a shrinking on the part of men, reared under free institutions, from contact with Slavery. They are unwilling to bring up their children under its influence. I do not argue whether this sentiment be right or wrong. I speak of it as a fact, established and admitted, preventing men coming from Free States to settle among us. If it be desirable that they should come, to invest their capital—to bring with them habits of industry and frugality—to enrich the State, not only by their labor and example, but by stimulating additional immigration, insuring diversified employment and creating additional demand for the products of the soil and therefore enhanced prices for the land, it would seem to be desirable to do away with the impediment that hinders this consummation, and of which the slave is the direct cause. [illegible]

"Is it in the interest of the white population of this State, that it will [illegible] upon recently a large class of population [illegible] for the enjoyment of freedom. We have many, about us, who look upon it as a boon. As an abstract proposition, who can say that it is not? But, in our present society they are not desirable, but I submit that their sudden removal from the labor of the State would be highly inconvenient. Their gradual displacement and colonization, affecting a separation of the races and supplying their place with white labor, would be beneficial to both. This 20,000 free negro element in the slave as it is, and the emancipated slave population, would quietly sink into and be absorbed by the great mass of free negroes, and no man would recognize that another free negro had been added to the State. In fact, now, in all but name, the State is free. However plausible this apprehension in theory, its fallacy is apparent by the test of experience.

"I have collated the statistics of the relative increase of the white and free negroes of Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania and New-Jersey. A careful survey of the table will show that Pennsylvania has increased more rapidly in whites, and Maryland in free negro population. The result is attained, despite the fact that the southern boundary of Pennsylvania, through its entire extent, forms the division line between freedom and slavery, and the common belief that New-Jersey is the receptacle for a large proportion of the runaway slaves of Delaware and Maryland. The further gratifying result is shown that the relative increase of the white population is rapidly and steadily augmenting.

"The negro is not a migratory being. He will, sometimes, run from bondage. Like other men, he has aspirations for freedom. With no inducement to emigrate, the free negro rarely leaves the place where he was reared. His love of locality is proverbial. Where he was born, he dies. Those who leave their native vicinity, for the most part, congregate in neighboring cities. Philadelphia contains nearly half the free negroes of Pennsylvania. I pass by, as unworthy of notice, the suggestion of the probable establishment of the social and political equality of the races as a consequence of freedom. The negro is, and so long as he is among us, ought to remain, an inferior being, under tutelage, and as the whole matter of his status depends on the will of the white man, those who ascribe the design to elevate him to an equality, do but cast discredit upon their understanding and insult upon the people of the State. He cannot be equal until the majority so decide, and when they shall have arrived at the point at which equality would be tolerated, the emancipation of eighteen hundred slaves, when there are already twenty thousand free negroes, could make it none the more or less probable.

"I pass now to the consideration of the rights of the master. Under the usage of this State, confirmed by positive enactments, he has to his slave a right, not absolute, but qualified only, and, therefore, even more than in things by nature the subject of dominion, he holds his right subordinate to the requirements of the public good. That this right is conditional, is sufficiently attested by the statutory provisions regulating the relation. The master is prohibited from dealing with him as an absolute article of merchandise. He cannot allege his property the jurisdiction of the State, which, regarding him as a man, extends over him the protection of the law, and by prohibitory enactments, regulating his sale, restricts his value to the limit of the home market, thus studiously preventing the State from being subjected to the policy of slave propagation for exportation and removing the inducement to an indefinite extension of the system. This restriction on alienation is the judicial denial of the right of the free negro to hold his fellow in bondage, and a criminal responsibility of the slave—all show that under our laws he is regarded as something different from a mere chattel, and that the nature of the right is modified by the attribute of humanity. In the pure sense of the term he is not property. His condition is the legal determination of the status of a person, and in this sense, emancipation is no destruction of a right of property, but the abrogation of a municipal custom, upon the sanction of which alone the right of the master depends. But still there is a right in the nature of a right of property, and, to the extent to which it is recognized by our laws, is as sacred and inviolable as his right to any article absolutely proprietary. He cannot be deprived of it without compensation.

"I only offer to each slaveholder for solution the question whether, economically considered, it is not cheaper to hire labor than to support his family or slaves, subject to the risk of sickness, and other casualties and liabilities incident to ownership.

"Most of the slave-owners in this State are landowners also, and if it be true that the abrogation of the institution will increase the material prosperity of the State, I submit to him, whether the value of his land may not be augmented to an extent much greater than the price of his slaves. I will not dwell upon the interest of the owner as affected by the fugitive nature of the property. Against destruction by fire, insurance offers provide—against the straying of cattle, good fences are sufficient security, but there is no insurance or safeguard against the act of a slave determined to assert his right to freedom. There are but two modes by which the extinction of Slavery can be accomplished—by direct emancipation or by the enactment of a law operating on after-born issue, leaving the present property of the master unaffected. The former would, of course, be upon compensation, the latter depriving him of no right, no compensation would be proper. Compensation, if rendered, must probably come from the National Government. There is no likelihood that the State will tender it, though I believe that if she were to pay the home valuation for every slave within her limits, the sum expended would be more than reimbursed by the increased value of the land. Should Congress concur in the recommendation of the Executive, and express a willingness to tender this State fair remuneration, I do not hesitate, as a beneficial measure, to advise its acceptance; but as the measure of my own choice, I would prefer the enactment of a law, prospective in its operation, declaring the freedom of the future issue of slaves."

FROM TRENTON, N. J.

The Peace Resolutions Killed—The "Nigger" Resolutions Strangled—Conservative Triumph in Both Houses—United States District Court—"The Oyster War"—The Case of Lewis, &c.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

TRENTON, Thursday, Jan. 22, 1863.

As I have predicted, the famous—or rather infamous—Peace resolutions yesterday found their tomb in the bosom of the Joint Committee on Federal Relations. The debate upon the disposition of the resolutions developed a sentiment of hostility to their craven spirit which was most gratifying. Senator CHAMBERS, Democ

THE ELEVENTH ARMY CORPS.

The Weather—Camp Rumors—Condition of the Army—A Camp Story.

From Our Own Correspondent.

STAFFORD COURT-HOUSE, VA., Friday Evening, Jan. 16, 1863.

During the last week the weather has been fickle enough to satisfy even the weatherologist of Brooklyn Heights. First it was clear and cold, followed by a day of cold, drizzling rain; then a bright Summer's day, was succeeded by one with warm showers—which, had it continued one day longer, might have deceived the vegetable kingdom and induced the early putting on of Spring dresses. Fortunately, the soldiers are pretty well prepared for these sudden changes, and their condition has been comparatively comfortable. But for one like myself, who has been suffering from that unbearable nervous affection commonly known as neuralgia—which every breath of air seems to aggravate—during the last long week, there has been no comfort. Providentially for the Times and for its correspondent with the Eleventh Army Corps, there has literally been nothing like news about for a week or more. Of course, there are daily rumors that the army is on the point of again marching upon the enemy, and needless as the hope has been indulged in of a forward movement, just so often have we been doomed to sad disappointment. To say that the army is in good condition for active service, is but uttering a truism patent to every one here, whether or not from political or disloyal motives, a few may attempt to dispute the fact and declare the contrary to be the case. In a somewhat extended visit recently throughout the entire Army of the Potomac, I have seen no alarming evidence of demoralization or inefficiency from any cause whatever. Not even the long and continued absence of the Paymasters has yet greatly disheartened the loyal soldiers, as a whole, belonging to this army; and yet there are many, having wives and children, suffering from the neglect of the Government in not paying them their just dues, who have felt that their duty to the country was secondary to that to their families, and consequently have left for home without asking permission from the authorities here or elsewhere. This evil, unless the remedy is applied immediately, will nevertheless become a serious matter—particularly as, thus far in this war, it is believed not a single man who has deserted and gone home, has been punished according to the rules of war; and those who are tempted to take French leave from any cause whatever, do not have much fear for any punishment that may be administered, even if by any accident they should happen to be brought back. I am assured by responsible army Surgeons that, in a sanitary point of view, this army never stood better. There is less sickness than usual, in fact, and there is no prevailing disease that does not yield readily, in most cases, by the use of the usual restoratives. The most common disease here is a kind of intermittent, or, what is more familiarly known as camp fever; but it rarely occurs that a patient dies when he can receive even ordinary camp accommodations. The alarming reports that have been sent abroad at different times, of the prevalence of typhoid fever in camp, I have reason to believe, are greatly exaggerated. A Brigade Surgeon, of high standing among his fellows as a professional man, assures me that he has yet to see the first case of typhoid fever here. There have been many cases of what has been technically called typhoid, but in every instance, so far as the observation of my informant extends, the peculiar characteristics of the disease, which renders it so formidable in camp, have been wanting.

For weeks past, as I have said before, our soldiers have been busily engaged, most of the time making themselves comfortable. While walking about the camp of the Ninth New-York Cavalry, a few evenings ago, I heard the soldiers telling their varied experience since they entered the service. Some of these statements, heightened by the peculiar circumstances in which the men are placed, create a fund of amusement and cultivate many a dull hour of camp life. One story I recently heard will bear relating here, though it is impossible to convey to the reader the elegant and ludicrous manner of the relator and principal actor in the scene—Corporal Hogan, of Co. F.

Sometime ago it was the fortune of Corporals Lawrence and Hogan, of Co. F, with others, to be on duty near a house in the vicinity of Hopewell Gap. They were nearly out of provisions, when fortune threw in their way early one morning, a cow, and the hospital fund had too many temptations for them to resist the desire to milk the animal. While Lawrence held the cow by the horns, Hogan manipulated the udders. He had filled one tin cup and was rapidly filling another, when a chamber window in the house was raised, and a woman, with a voice pitched at least an octave higher than they had been accustomed to hear, indulged in the following language:

Q.—"What on airth are ye doin ther?"

No answer from the men at the cow.

Q.—"Milkin my cow, eh? What alls you? what in the world is the matter on ye—are ye *starving*? Ain't ye ashamed of yourselves?"

Receiving no response from the men at the cow, who continued their labors with the *song fruit* that only troopers can assume, madame became considerably "exasperated," and continued her harangue as follows:

"There is four of you Yankees laying up there on the hill *with their souls in hell. Think of that!*"

This elicited no response, she continued:

"And you may be there too in less than hour! *Think of that!*"

No response—Hogan continuing his milking—

"And I hope you will, and when you are drinking that milk. *Think of that!*"

No response, and the woman continued:

"What are you Yankees all doing here, say way?"

The Corporals having filled their pint cups, Hogan deigned to answer the last question by saying:

"To protect you and maintain the honor of the glorious old flag."

The reply brought upon them a tirade of billingsgate that would shame even one of the original dealers in fish, amid which the troopers retreated to their camp.

This story to be fully appreciated, should be heard, as I heard it, at night over a camp fire, and by a man with enough of the comic in him to tell it in detail and in character.

There is still, occasionally, a little feeling of superiority assumed by regulars over volunteers, but it is confined mostly to men appointed from civil life. There was a little display of this feeling a few nights ago at one of our pickets. A regular officer came along and characterized the location of the picket where it was as a piece of blundering stupidity. After relieving himself thoroughly, he inquired for the officer on duty, and was told that he was at another post still farther on. He must go and instruct him as to his duties. He attempted to pass, but the Sergeant of the picket, in a very decided manner, asked for his pass; he had none, and the discomfited officer left for his quarters quite crestfallen, because a volunteer non-commissioned officer knew and dared to perform his duty, even in the presence of a regular officer.

The Staff of the New Commanding-General—Capt. Meyhenger—Promotions in a New-York Regiment—How Soldiers Respect the Rights of Others—An Anecdote.

ASHEN CREEK, STAFFORD COUNTY, VA., Saturday, Jan. 17, 1863.

The elevation of Gen. SIGEL to the command of the Grand Reserve Division of the army, has rendered some changes in the organization of the Eleventh Army Corps Staff necessary. Brig.-Gen. STAHL, the senior officer on duty with the Eleventh Corps, assumes command, and in "Special Order, No. 12," the following named officers are announced as detailed for duty as his Staff:

Col. Leopold Von Gilsa, Acting Assistant Inspector-General and Chief of Staff.
Maj. H. Baldwin, Jr., Acting Assistant Adjutant-General.
Lieut.-Col. F. Nazer, Acting Assistant Inspector of Cavalry.
Maj. F. Kuppner, Chief of Engineers.
Maj. J. Bord Peale, Acting Medical Director.
Capt. O. V. Menzel, Assistant Inspector of Infantry.
Capt. L. Schinzer, Chief of Artillery.
Capt. C. Heintz, Aid-de-Camp.
Capt. F. Theinkuhl, Acting Aid-de-Camp and Chief of Topographical Bureau.
Capt. E. Demarre, Acting Aid-de-Camp.
First Lieut. E. Robinson, Jr., Acting Aid-de-Camp and Assistant Adjutant-General.
First Lieut. A. G. Lawrence, Acting Aid-de-Camp.
Capt. H. Huling, Acting Chief Commissary.
Capt. F. C. Winkler, Judge Advocate.
Capt. G. B. Bowe, Postal Director.
Capt. S. Ashley, Chief of Ambulance Corps.

Capt. FRED. MEYHENGER, of the Forty-first New-York, (DeKalb,) who has for a long time acted as Assistant Adjutant-General under Gen. STAHL, has been assigned, at his own request, to command a company of sharpshooters in the First Brigade, First Division. He is a capable and industrious officer, and the Commanding General, in the order assigning him to a command, pays him the following merited compliment: "In parting with him, I desire to tender him my sincere thanks for the fidelity with which he has always executed the duties assigned him."

The well-grounded complaints against the late Governor of New-York, for appointing men from civil life to offices in regiments which have seen active service in the field, I am happy to say will not apply to one regiment. Of eighteen appointments recently made in the Ninth New-York Cavalry, all are promotions. Another interesting fact will be observed in the annexed list, to wit: that ten of the eighteen are warrant officers promoted to commissions, and none of the remaining eight are from civil life. Filling all vacancies in a regiment by promoting non-commissioned officers, has been found in all countries to be the only true politic course. The non-commissioned officers and privates then have something to stimulate them to discharge their duties faithfully, for they know by so doing, in time promotion will be their reward.

Annexed will be found the names of the persons promoted:

Sergt. Lambert Doolittle, to Second Lieutenant.
First Sergt. Newell Cheney, to First Lieutenant.
Sergt. John B. Dissmore, to Second Lieutenant.
First Lieut. Chauncey M. Clark, to Captain.
Second Lieut. Will. H. Sacks, to First Lieutenant and Regimental Adjutant.
First Lieut. Edward A. Skinner, to First Lieutenant and Regimental Quartermaster.
Sergt. Seth W. Clark, to Second Lieutenant.
First Lieut. Campbell Dickson, to Captain.
Second Lieut. James B. Burrows, to First Lieutenant.
First Sergt. Cyrus Wheelock, to Second Lieutenant.
Second Lieut. W. H. Mason, to First Lieutenant.
Sergt. George H. Brockwell, to Second Lieutenant.
First Sergt. Charles G. Brown, to First Lieutenant.
Sergt. James A. Smith, to Second Lieutenant.
Sergt. Reuben M. Fenton, to Second Lieutenant.
Second Lieut. John T. Rutherford, to First Lieutenant.
Sergt.-Maj. Wm. N. Smith, to Second Lieutenant.
Second Lieut. Wm. Weld, to First Lieutenant.

Most of the above-named officers received their commissions a few days ago. Of course, the occasion was celebrated in due and ancient form.

We are still on the tenter-hook of expectation in regard to a forward movement. It will be a source of satisfaction, and will repay all for the suspense now endured, if for once the army can move without the rebels knowing quite as much about the plan of operations as our commanding Generals.

The reckless disregard soldiers manifest for the rights of others in property is proverbial. Anything they may covet, if opportunity is afforded, is taken without any compunctions of conscience whatever, provided always that the article coveted belongs to some one not a member of his own regiment. A soldier who deliberately steals anything from a companion, has to submit, almost inveriably, to the severest penalty that can be administered for theft under military law—that of being drummed out of the service; while, at the same time, stealing from a member of another corps is too often entirely overlooked, and not unfrequently such practices are indirectly encouraged by officers, too, occupying high positions. A case illustrating this fact recently came under my observation. Col. —— had a blanket stolen from his horse one night. The next day the missing article was found upon the back of a private's horse, in the same regiment. The Colonel manifested great indignation thereat, and directed the delinquent to be placed in the guard-house. After this had been done, the culprit desired an interview with his accuser, which having been granted, the following dialogue occurred:

Prisoner (with cool deliberation)—I desire to explain, Sir, about the taking of that blanket.

Colonel (with a frown)—Proceed, Sir.

Prisoner—When I took the blanket, the horse was running about camp, loose.

Colonel (calling groom)—Mulligan, Mulligan. (Groom enters.)

Colonel (with dignity)—Was that horse loose that night?

Groom—Yes, Sir. (Retires.)

Colonel (firmly)—Well, I cannot release you. *I must put a stop to the stealing.*

Prisoner (beseechingly)—But, Colonel, the horse was loose and I had no idea that the blanket belonged to any one in this regiment.

Colonel (severely)—Did not the blanket have upon it the name of Major ——, of this regiment?

Prisoner (earnestly)—No, Sir; no, it did not, Sir.

Colonel (to groom)—Mulligan, Mulligan. (The groom enters.)

Colonel—Is not the name of Major —— upon that blanket?

Groom—No, Sir; the horse had torn all of except the word "Major" before the blanket was stolen.

Colonel (apologetically, to prisoner)—Well, that alters the case; you can go back to your company.

The Colonel was perfectly honest in his mode of disposing of the case presented to him, and did not realize the ludicrous point there was in the dialogue until after the private had retired, when the other officers present burst out in a fit of laughter.

PAUL.

The Northern Whaling Fleet.

NEW RESULT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE SEASON.

From the Honolulu Polynesian, Dec. 3, 1862.

By the arrival of the *Martha*, CORNELL, at Lahaina the 20th ult., being the last but one of the Ochotsk fleet to arrive at these Islands this Fall, we are enabled to make up a nearly complete summary of the northern catch this season.

Up to this date, Dec. 2, 34 whaling vessels have arrived at all the ports of these Islands. Of this number, 26 have come direct to Honolulu, six to Lahaina and two to Hilo; but all, with the exception of the last two arrived at Lahaina, (the *Massachusetts* and *Martha*,) have been here since leaving these ports—two of them inside and four outside. Their aggregate catches are, between seasons and season North, 1,245 barrels sperm oil, 26,165 barrels whale oil, and 279,000 pounds bone.

Of this fleet, two were sperm whalers, from a cruise South and West; one was from the Kodiak, and another was a trader in the Arctic, leaving thirty others to show the true catch this season North. Of the fleet of thirty, twelve are from the Arctic and eighteen from the Ochotsk; the aggregate catches (omitting oil taken between seasons) being of the former, 11,440 barrels whale and 164,500 pounds bone, averaging 953½ barrels whale and 13,700 pounds bone to each vessel; and of the latter, 16,325 barrels whale and 308,000 pounds bone, averaging 907½ barrels whale and 11,444 pounds bone; or a general average of Arctic and Ochotsk of 929 barrels oil and 12,570 pounds bone.

Eight other vessels were North this season—five in the Arctic and three in the Ochotsk. Of the former, two, the *Kohala* and *Nye*, of this port, will winter *there, having sent their catches down here on freight*, (classed as imports, and not included in the Northern catch,) the other three, and two from the Ochotsk, have gone to San Francisco. Of their catches we know nothing authentic.

The vessels to arrive in the *Florence*, Spencer, from Ochotsk, with 1,300 bbls. the last report, and which will swell the Ochotsk average some five bbls more, and the general average some two bbls more.

Two vessels have been condemned here this season, the *Dragoman*, now under the Oldenburg flag and fitting for California coast whaling, and the *South Boston*, to be sold to-day. One other, the *Harvest*, Manchester, is sold and put under the Hawaiian flag for California coast whaling.

In reviewing the past whaling season from published reports of different vessels which have cruised in all parts of the Arctic and Ochotsk, we cannot see, but that although the weather has been less boisterous, the ice less abundant, disasters less common, and whales perhaps more numerous, that this season can show any advantage over that of 1861, when we take into consideration that less than one-half (49 per cent.) of the vessels have whaled there this season, as compared with that year. The summary at the close of the season of 1861, shows forty vessels from the Ochotsk, with an average of 678 bbls. oil and 8,350 lbs. bone; thirty-five vessels from the Arctic with 770 bbl. whale and 10,766 lbs. bone, or a general average of 726 bbls. oil and 9,441 lbs. bone. The difference of 209 bbls. oil and 3,000 lbs. bone in favor of the average of the season, seems hardly enough (always supposing a certain number of whales on the ground, and the fewer the ships the greater the spoils) to pit against the difference of the number of vessels in the two seasons engaged in getting it. Moreover, when it is stated that the two highest vessels in the Ochotsk, the *Isaac Howland* and the *Planet*, had tenders, which, while it increases the number of vessels engaged, reduces the average of the Ochotsk fleet to 816½ bbls. oil and 10,300 lbs. bone, and the general average to 860 bbls. oil and 11,500 lbs. bone, the difference becomes more apparent.

PERSONAL.

—Mr. J. H. B. Latrobe, of Baltimore, has published a card explaining the circumstances of his recent visit to Fredericksburgh under a flag of truce. He says: "Private business I king me to the Rappahannock, I availed myself of the opportunity to try and see a son on Gen. Longstreet's staff, whom I believed to be in Fredericksburgh, and, accordingly, I accompanied a flag of truce with permits from both parties to cross the river. No preliminary conversation between the pickets took place. When the usual hail, on the exhibition of the flag, was answered, I crossed with the boat, learned that my son was not at hand, and sent a message asking him to meet me the next day, not having left the boat or attempted to do so. On the morrow I returned to the river bank on this side, and, without crossing, received, by a flag, a note from the officer commanding the Confederate picket, saying that my son was in Richmond, and refusing, in polite terms, my disappointment. This is the whole story. I had no purpose of seeing Gen. Lee, nor was his name mentioned on the occasion."

—A Paris correspondent says: "Since my arrival, I have met with Mr. Paul Morphy, the famous American chess player, about whose doings and whereabouts such congratulatory reports have been circulated in the United States. Mr. Morphy has not been on any rebel Cabinet, nor has he taken any part in the war. He left New-Orleans long after the capture of the city by the Federal forces, and went to Havana, taking passage thence to Cadiz, and reached Paris a few days ago. Habit, the eminent Hungarian player, is also here, and both amateurs are making efforts to bring about a meeting between the greatest chess genius of the world and another star not unworthy to encounter the master. Morphy, however, assures me that he has renounced chess altogether, and the unhappy state of affairs at home will not permit him to bring to the task of meeting a great player the calmness and coolness which are essential to success. He has also motives of more importance to occupy his mind, and seems to be in perfect health."

—At the Union Society in Cambridge College, England, there was recently a public debate on American affairs, in which a son of Lord John RUSSELL and Mr. TREVELYAN spoke against the Union cause and in support of the rebellion, and a son of Edward EVERETT, who is a student at Cambridge, followed in defense of the country and government, and an English clergyman, who participated in the debate, writes: "After him got up young EVERETT (EDWARD EVERETT's son,) who, by the bye, is considered one of the most distinguished men in Cambridge, the whole house against him, but cool and perfectly collected. He took TREVELYAN's speech to pieces, point by point, used him up bit by bit, till the whole house was slowly turned in his favor, and he had it all his own way. It was a great success, and marks him as one who will early distinguish himself somewhere or other. He will take his degree in January, and will then, I think, come to America. Look out for him."

—The Rochester *Express*, of a recent date, has the following remarkable story: "We have previously noticed the death of Sergeant Charles H. Sizganson, of Henrietta, who was killed at the battle of Fredericksburgh, but one strange incident connected with it is worthy of record. On the day of the battle his wife was out in the yard, when suddenly she was made aware of a presence behind her, and turning, felt a warm breath on her cheek, and saw her husband, which, however, almost immediately vanished. As she turned she cried out, 'Oh! Charlie, is that you?' and returned to the house, where she told some friends that she had seen her husband, and that she knew she should never see him alive again. As soon as can be ascertained, the event occurred just at the time of day when her husband was killed. Altogether it forms one of the strangest incidents of seeing spirits of which we ever heard."

—Gov. Morton, of Indiana, has come off first best in a contest with the State Legislature. He sent his Message to the State Senate, and that body refused to receive it, although it was transacting miscellaneous business at the time, alleging that it was not in session. Gov. Morton declined to take the Message when it was returned to him, and in supplementary communication turned the tables upon the captious Senators, by telling them that if they were not competent to receive the document they certainly had no right to pass a vote condemning the Message of Gov. Seymour, of this State, which was submitted to Legislature under circumstances almost precisely similar to those which existed in the Indiana Legislature at the time his was transmitted.

—A correspondent writes to the Toronto *Globe* from the Suspension Bridge, under date of Jan. 6: "On leaving Windsor a New-York Abolitionist, who I had known for some years, came into the baggage-car to smoke, and gave the Conductor six tickets for New-York, for four 'niggers' and two 'wenches' he had brought from Tennessee. They had just escaped, and, to use his own words, 'I take them from out of charity, and as soon as they work out the $250 they have cost me they can go wherever they like.' He remained in the baggage-car until we had passed Chatham a couple of stations, when, on going back to see his contrabands, they had disappeared. Suffice it to say they all got off at Chatham, at which place on his return he was threatened with a coat of tar and feathers. I'll bet ere this he is the best Democrat in the Union."

—The Buffalo *Courier* says: "Mr. John T. Hudson, of this city, has just forwarded, from New-York, to the Young Men's Association, a copy of Lord Kingsborough's great work on the *Antiquities of Mexico*, in nine elegant folio volumes. The work comprises *fac-similes* of ancient Mexican paintings and hieroglyphics, preserved in the principal libraries and museums of Europe, together with the monuments of New-Spain, by M. Dupaix. A fortune was sacrificed by Lord Kingsborough in the illustration and publication of a small number of copies of this work. But few of them have found their way to this country, and the Association may well be proud of so rare an addition to its treasures."

—The Springfield, Mass., *Republican* has been shown a receipt signed by Nathaniel P. Banks in 1830, of money received by him of Sargent M. Davis, of Roxbury, in whose employ he then was as a machinist, at $1 33 per day. That Nathaniel P. Banks is Ex-Gov. Banks, of Massachusetts, and now Major-General in the United States Army and in command of the Federal Forces at New-Orleans. He was in the employ of Mr. Davis several years, never receiving over $1 50 per day; but instead of spending his wages in the manner many of his companions did, he laid it out for books, which were faithfully studied evenings and what other leisure time he could get.

—It is said that there is a woman in North Paris, Maine, who is now living with her third husband. That is not so remarkable, but the joke of it is that her two former husbands are still living, and, both of them were too happy to get rid of her to raise any objections to her marrying again. The woman now labors under the following accumulation of names: Dianna Jane Angelina Rawson Washburn Estes Dunham Darmon.

—Gov. Morton, of Indiana, who is particularly obnoxious to traitors for his zeal in behalf of the war, has recently received letters, warning him of a plot to assassinate him. One was in a female handwriting, and purported to be written by the wife of a man engaged in the plot. It contained a correct plan of the Governor's house, and of the room in which he slept, with all approaches to it. The writer said her husband had been let into the matter by wicked men, and she wanted to frustrate the design to save him from its consequences.

—Among the relics sent to the Historical Society in New-Haven, is the sword won in the Revolution by Col. Gaius Bronson, of Winchester, Litchfield County—presented by Mrs. Samuel C. Ford, of Wallingford, a grand-daughter. A "spontoon" carried in Revolutionary times by Sergt. Elisha Hall, of Wallingford—an uncle of Lyman Hall, (who signed the Declaration of Independence, from Georgia,) presented by his grand-daughter, Mrs. Israel Harrison, of Wallingford.

—A good story about Gen. Sigel is in circulation. *It is said that a few days ago he procured a* steamer load of salt bread for his troops and carried it to Belle Plain, where the officers in charge of the landing would not allow it to be landed. The General immediately marched a force to the wharf, sufficient to overawe the harbor master's guard, and triumphantly took the bread on shore.

—Once in a while we have to go away from home for the news. This is the St. Paul *Press* we find the following paragraph, which must be set down as premature, to say the least: "Gen. Tom Thumb and Miss Lavinia Warren were married at Trinity Church, New-York, on the 14th. The audience was very large, and the scene very imposing."

—Prof. Whitney, the State Geologist of California, found among the Sierra Nevadas, about 2,000 feet above the level of the ocean, an almost perfect jaw of the rhinoceros. Huge petrified oyster shells were also found among the mountains of the interior and at a greater elevation.

—A gang of counterfeiters has recently been taking liberties with the name of Mr. Phelps, issuer of the Mount Morris and Avon Railroad, in the western part of this State. They issued a large number of shinplasters purporting to have been authorized by him, but Mr. Phelps learned of the movement, and speedily broke up the gang by securing the arrest of the ringleader.

—One of the Boston papers is trying to get up an excitement over the probabilities that the *Alabama* may treat that city to an exhibition of pyrojechnics some fine evening. It seems that there is among her officers one William H. Noyes, a native of Stonington, Conn., who is a fearless navigator, and is thoroughly acquainted with every foot of water in Boston harbor.

—The Columbus, (O.,) *State Journal* has a rumor that Gen. Geo. W. Morgan, who was reported killed in the battle of Vicksburgh, was not even wounded. It is more than probable that he escaped, as his name does not appear in the more recent and reliable list of casualties. In case he is still alive, the General will undoubtedly be greatly gratified at the high esteem in which he is held by the country at large, for the obituary notices of him have been unanimously eulogistic.

—Mr. H. E. Conger, formerly editor of the Newark *Mercury*, and now Consul at Hong-Kong, China, writes in a friend that the Jerseymen at that place held an election on the 6th of November—the same day on which the people of New-Jersey voted for Governor and Legislature. Mr. Conger acted as Judge of Election, and Rev. S. L. Baldwin as Clerk. They declares the Republican candidate unanimously elected—a result which unfortunately was not ratified at home.

—The richest man in Louisiana is John Burnside. He has a splendid residence at New-Orleans, with a garden as large as Boston Common, and owns several sugar plantations in different parts of the State. Burnside has lost much by the running away of his negroes and the destruction of property, but he has not lost the attachment to the Union. He is an Irishman and began life in New-Orleans in a humble situation.

—An enterprising youth employed in a Philadelphia book bindery with advantage of the recent advance in paper stock to sell for old paper the sheets of a medical work which was nearly ready for binding. Alderman Butler held him to answer the charge of theft. The property which he carried off was worth at least $60, but he sold it for a few cents.

—Dr. Bennett, of New-Haven, distinguished as one of the parties to a notable divorce suit, which was decided against him in that city two or three years since, is still pursued by vindictive enemies. A few evenings since, a torpedo, containing buckshot and other deadly missiles, was exploded in the doorway of his house, happily without doing any damage.

—William Landon, of the Union Hotel, Sharon Springs, has conveyed a lot of land at that place, including what is called the Magnetic Spring, to Henry J. Bangs, Hermon Stursburg and Hieronymus N. Whilhelm, of this City. The parties purchasing, it is said, intend erecting a hotel and water cure establishment.

—A girl, who gave her name as Harry Fitzallen, was recently discovered doing duty in a cavalry regiment in Western Virginia. She was taken to Wheeling, (and the Provost-Marshal furnished her suitable female apparel—all but the hoops. She refuses positively to make the exchange until that deficiency is supplied.

—A young lady who was shopping in Cleveland (Ohio) a few days since, had her hand so badly lacerated by a furious Newfoundland dog, who misinterpreted her motives in taking up a piece of goods to examine, that amputation of three of her fingers will be necessary.

—Rev. Dr. SCOTT, President of Washington College, Pa., a few days since in cutting straw, clipped off the ends of three of the fingers of his left hand. The first and third finger were cut off just in front of the first joint, and the second finger just back of the first joint.

—Miss Rose France, while performing in the theatre at Toronto, on the evening of Jan. 14, had a very narrow escape from serious injury, by her dress catching fire from the foot-lights. The flames were extinguished by the attendants before she was fatally injured.

—David L. Smith, a mail-carrier between Independence and Pittsburgh, Penn., was robbed on the Washington pike, a few mornings ago, by a couple of desperadoes, who pulled him from his horse and maltreated him severely. They succeeded in getting $62 in money.

—The President and Mrs. Lincoln have presented Ex-Gov. Newell, of New-Jersey, with a beautiful and costly gold-headed cane, as a testimonial of their appreciation of his professional services to their family when suffering from sickness several months since.

—It is said that Gov. SEYMOUR, of this State, designs favoring the people of New-Hampshire with his views of the questions which they are to decide in the pending canvass. He is booked for speeches in Manchester, Concord and Nashua, and may make addresses in Portsmouth and Dover.

—Soon after the recent election in Massachusetts it was stated that Rev. Dr. Nehemiah Adams cast a Republican ticket, remarking, as he did so, "I mean that vote for Charles Sumner. "The Rev. Dr. now takes the trouble to contradict the story, in which, he says, there is not a word of truth.

—On the evening of Jan. 17 Gen. Curtis' Staff officers presented to Mrs. Curtis a magnificent portrait of her husband. Col. Chipman made the presentation speech, and Gen. W. K. strong responded feelingly on behalf of Mrs. Curtis.

—The Providence *Post* boasts of a subscriber, residing in that city, who has bathed in the water near the head of the cove every morning during the last thirteen years—in the Winter cutting a hole through the ice.

—Mr. J. M. V. Busch, of the Roman Catholic Church, and the composer of a Bishat Mass, performed twice in this City, has recently joined the Order of St. Francis.

—In the Jefferson County (Ky.) Circuit Court, on Jan. 19, the case of Gen. Jefferson C. Davis, for manslaughter, (in killing Gen. Nelson,) was continued until the next term.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson was staying at the American House, Niagara Falls, when it was burned a few days since. He made his escape through the smoke and flame without serious loss.

—Two attorneys got into a game of ticticuffs in the Superior Court of Chicago some days since, and, after pummeling each other to their mutual satisfaction, were each fined $100 for contempt of court.

—Mr. and Mrs. Elihu Sanford, of New-Haven, celebrated their golden wedding on Jan. 14. It is a little remarkable that a brother of Mr. Sanford celebrated a like anniversary a few months since.

—Isaac Wheeler, a negro charged with having murdered a white man named Wells at Burgettstown, Washington County, Penn., has just been arrested at West Middleson and committed to jail.

—Mrs. Jane G. Swisshelm is coming East to enlighten us with lectures upon the extent and atrocity of the Indian massacres, recently perpetrated in Minnesota, her adopted State.

—Mr. Winter Jones, chief officer of the library department of the British Museum, denies positively that Washington's will has been purchased by the trustees of that institution.

—By a lecture on the Coronation of the Emperor Alexander, Ex-Gov. Seymour, of Connecticut, netted over eighty dollars for the Hartford Charity Association.

—The proper name of TOM THUMB's intended is Bump. She certainly will better her position decidedly by changing such a cognomen for that of Stratton.

—Harriet A. McLaughlin, of Chicago, asks for a divorce from Henry A, her husband. She is only 14 years old, and has been married but a single month.

—The house of Rev. L. W. Bacon, of Stamford, Conn., was entered on Jan. 11, and robbed of $200 worth of property, including silver ware valued at $50.

—In the Hunterdon County, N. J., Courts, Adam Hoffman has recovered $000 damages from Emanuel Sutton, for the seduction of his daughter.

—James F. Robinson, Quartermaster-General of Kentucky, killed A. B. Barkley, in a personal rencontre in Georgetown, Ky., a few days since.

—Mr. Fred. W. Seward, Assistant Secretary of State, is to be absent from his post, and meanwhile Mr. Webster discharges his duties.

—Mr. Bailey, a Philadelphia artist, has executed a bust of Gen. McClellan, which is said to be very lifelike.

—Some of the compositors employed on the Milwaukee *Sentinel* have quit work because the proprietors allowed girls to learn to set type.

—An office-holder in Buffalo, recently indorsed a paper, which he sent to Washington, as follows: "I fully concur in the abough."

—Hon. John Noell emphatically condemns Gov. Gamble's emancipation scheme, as suggested in his recent Message.

—A paper at Springfield, Ill., nominates Gov. Seymour, of this State, as President Lincoln's successor.

— One Mr. Oliver is reported to have run the blockade and gone to Europe as a rebel Commissioner.

—Rev. Mr. Fulton, late of New-Orleans, who was exiled by Gen. Butler, has accepted a call to the Episcopal Church at Snow Hill, Maryland.

—In consequence of sickness in his family, Gen. McClellan has postponed his visit to the East.

—Col. Richardson, U. S. Senator elect, from Illinois, is detained at home by sickness in his family.

—Hon. Simon Cameron was in Philadelphia, on Jan. 9, expecting to spend several days.

—A brother of the late Gen. Felix K. Zollicoffer died recently in Nashville.

—Mason Jones is lecturing in Boston.

The Operations of the McLean Murphy Engagement—Report of the 19th Regiment Commanding the Fifteenth New-York, to Gen. Hillhouse.

HEADQUARTERS FIFTEENTH REG'T N. Y. VOLUNTEERS, FREDERICKSBURGH, VA., Dec. 18, 1862.

Adjutant-General Thomas Hillhouse:

GENERAL: In obedience to the note of Dec. 3, 1862, from your headquarters, I beg leave to present the following statement:

As early as February, 1861, more than two months before the President's first call for troops, JOHN MCLEAN MURPHY, then a Senator in the New-York State Assembly, foreseeing both that the war was impending and that it would include a wide range of operations, conceived the idea of a Sappers and Miners and Engineer Corps, and entered into correspondence with those whose judgment or official position he esteemed valuable in aiding the organization of the proposed regiment.

Immediately after the first call for troops, Col. Murphy at once proceeded to enroll into the regiment which he was authorized to raise, mechanics, sailors, and in general men of the ingenious classes of life. To favor his plan, the aid of the Governor of the State, and of officers high in authority at Washington was promised, but traditional regulations so far interfered with their intentions, that the regiment was mustered into the State service on the 9th May, 1861, and the United States service the 17th June previous, as the Fifteenth Infantry New-York Volunteers. At such it occupied various quarters of instruction, at Fort Schuyler, Willetts Point, Washington, D. C., and Fairfax County, Va., during the Summer and early Autumn of 1861.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

Gen. BURNSIDE was again in Washington, yesterday, and had interviews with the President, Secretary STANTON and Gen. HALLECK. A telegram from the Army of the Potomac says there is nothing of interest to communicate.

Our Washington correspondent informs us that the Government is confident of soon hearing good news from Vicksburgh.

In regard to Gen. GRANT's army and its movements, a correspondent of the Missouri *Democrat*, writing from Memphis, writes as follows: "Col. MOTGEY surrendered Holly Springs; that caused Gen. GRANT's army to fall back to Holly Springs. Gen. BURNSIDE attacked, prematurely, at Vicksburgh, and was beaten; that caused the army to continue its retrograde movement, and necessitated that the plan of attack upon Vicksburgh should be changed, and Gen. GRANT will go in person to Vicksburgh, taking with him the whole of his army, except a sufficient force which will be left to guard the railroad from here to Corinth, and one division, the Eighth, Gen. ROSS's, which has gone to reinforce Corinth."

That portion of Admiral FORTER's fleet which proceeded up the White River, in Arkansas, after the repulse at Vicksburgh, has given a good account of itself. The Navy Department has been notified of the capture of St. Charles, a post village in Arkansas County, Duval's Bluff, in Prairie County, and Des Arc, also in Prairie County, on the White River, about fifty miles northeast of Little Rock, the Capital. At Duval's Bluff were captured two eight-inch guns, with carriages, ammunition, &c., two hundred field rifles, and three platform-cars; and at Des Arc thirty-nine prisoners, and a quantity of arms and ammunition. Our flight-draft gunboats, at last accounts, had proceeded over three hundred miles above the mouth of the river.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, yesterday, a memorial from Dr. WM. G. MORTON was presented, asking for compensation for the use of ether in the Army and Navy. A bill relating to juries in the Courts of the United States was referred to the Judiciary Committee. A bill to establish the office of Register of Deeds for the District of Columbia was referred to the Committee on District Affairs. The resolution directing the Secretary of the Navy not to accept the title to League Island until Congress so directs, was passed. The Consular and Diplomatic Appropriation bill was reported from the Finance Committee. The Secretary of the Treasury was asked to communicate to the Senate any information he may have received from the Commissioner appointed for the District of South Carolina, under the act for the collection of direct taxes in insurrectionary States. The bill providing for increased clerical force in the Quartermaster-General's office was passed, after some amendment. A bill to establish the gauge on the Pacific Railroad and its branches was referred to the Select Committee. The Senate then adjourned until Monday.

The House was not in session.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

The Assembly Chamber was again disgraced yesterday by unparliamentary and revolutionary proceedings on the part of the Democrats, led by Mr. FIELDS, of New-York, Mr. MURPHY, of Erie, and others prominent in the party, and assisted by their coadjutors in the lobby and in the galleries. The proceedings opened with a personal explanation from Mr. FIELDS, in answer to some just strictures in a New-York paper. The ninety-first ballot for Speaker was then taken, in which Mr. TRIMMER had 60 votes, Mr. CALLICOTT 60, and Mr. DEFREW 1—one member being absent. When the ninety-second ballot was commenced, the member before absent had returned, and cast his vote for Mr. CALLICOTT, thus insuring that gentleman's election should the ballot be consummated. A scene of the greatest excitement ensued, and the old game of filibustering to prevent any further proceedings, was immediately commenced. At one point in the proceedings, the Clerk having left his position for a few minutes, the Democrats attempted to usurp the Speaker's chair for one of their number, but this was carrying the matter too far for the patience of the Republican and Union members, and their opposition came near leading to bloodshed. Finally the Clerk reappeared, and took his place, when the excitement gradually subsided, but not, it appears, before it was understood that an adequate police force had been called, and were at hand to enforce order. It was finally agreed to adjourn until Monday, at 11 o'clock A. M., at which time the vote is to be proceeded with without further opposition. There appears to be little doubt now that Mr. CALLICOTT will be elected.

The Senate was not in session.

GENERAL NEWS.

We receive, by way of Havana, some additional news from Mexico, though nothing later from the Capital—our former advices reaching to the 20th ult. Advices from Vera Cruz and other points, however, are to the 1st inst. Nothing of importance has occurred, the French awaiting reinforcements before advancing upon Puebla, toward which place they have progressed no further than Palmar. The expected reinforcements consist of two divisions of the Imperial Guard, and the entire effective force for attacking Puebla was expected to be only about 15,000 men. On the Mexican side the disposable force was much larger—25,000 regulars and 10,000 volunteers being in Puebla alone, while at other points were supposed to be in the neighborhood of 50,000 men. At Puebla ten forts have been constructed, mounting nearly 200 cannon, and the fortifications of the capital are on an equally extensive scale. A rumor prevailed in Havana at the date of our latest advices, that the French had advanced against Puebla, and had suffered another repulse. There is a possibility that the rumor is true.

We receive from another correspondent in Havana further important news relating to the French in Mexico. Their communications between Vera Cruz and Orizaba are said to be entirely cut off, and can only be restored by posting strong guards all along the coast. The guerrillas are in strong force, and worry the French unceasingly. The report of the repulse at Puebla is reiterated, with the addition that the French vanguard, four thousand strong, was completely *surprised by eight hundred Mexican cavalry*, and about two thousand of them killed and wounded. Several French officers have been captured by the lasso and dragged off, and every straggling soldier is served in the same manner.

The Havana news by the *Stedinake*—which brought the Mexican news noted above—is of little interest.

Yesterday morning, the train on the Newark and Hoboken Railroad, which leaves Newark at 6 o'clock, was precipitated into the Hackensack River, at the draw in the bridge, which had been left open. The train was composed of the engine and two cars. The engine and smoking-car ran into the river, the remaining car being left hanging over the edge of the draw. There were four persons on the engine, viz.: JACOB WOODRUFF, engineer; MAHLON GALLAGHER, fireman; E. BIGELOW, do., and a Mr. SAMUEL HARRIS—the two former were drowned, and the others escaped by springing from the engine into the water. They were severely bruised. In the smoking-car were Mr. HAVENS, the conductor, a young man named VINCENT, and another person whose name we could not learn. This car sunk partially, and floated first down the river to the turnpike bridge, and then back to the other bridge, where it was made fast. The conductor contrived to escape to the roof, whence he was rescued by a boat. The other persons in the car are supposed to be drowned. But nine passengers in all were on the train. The cause of the accident is supposed to have been the failure of the engineer to see the signal of "draw open" in time, owing to the fog, and darkness of the early morning.

The Pacific Mail steamship Golden City was launched yesterday from the ship-yard of Mr. *WILLIAM H. WEBB, foot of Twelfth-street, East River*. Immediately after the launch the vessel was towed to the *Novelty Iron Works in order to* have her engines put in.

Breadstuffs were quite active, at advanced prices, on Saturday. Cotton was in more demand, as were also the principal kinds of Provisions. Sugars, Molasses, Hay, Hops, Tallow and Whisky were in fair request. Wool was more active and dearer. Linseed Oil was selling freely. Freights were quiet, with 557 vessels of all classes in port.

Our Armies in the Southwest.

Our three great armies in the Southwest—that of ROSECRANS at Murfreesboro, that of GRANT at Memphis, and that of McCLERNAND, on the wing—will soon, we have reason to believe, be again in motion and action. Gen. ROSECRANS has had a great deal of work to do during the three weeks that have elapsed since he defeated the army of Gen. BRAGG. He had communications to open and keep open, supplies to bring forward, and heavy preparations of various kinds to make, before he could again assume the offensive. Nearly all this work is now done. And we have the good news also in a definite shape that he *has* really received very large reinforcements. In the meantime the enemy is about the same distance away from him that they were when ROSECRANS moved against them from Nashville: they are at Shelbyville and Tullahoma, and it is supposed that their next place of battle will be on Duck River. We have had no confirmed of LONGSTREET's having reinforced them with eleven rebel brigades; but if he has, we suspect they will find that ROSECRANS, too, has at least eleven brigades more than he had when he drove them from their works at Murfreesboro. The threatening demonstrations which they made in the direction of the Tennessee River ten or twelve days ago, seem to have been nothing but guerrilla raids, and were not preliminary to any offensive movement, as some feared. Nothing, however, could suit ROSECRANS better than that they should assume the offensive. He could keep them out of Nashville with one quarter of his army, while with the remainder he would push on to Chattanooga, which is the real strategic centre of the whole country for hundreds of miles around, and which, if once in our possession, would put the entire game in all this part of the Southwest in our hands. ROSECRANS, however, can now anticipate no such good luck as this. He is quietly and cautiously preparing to move out from Murfreesboro; and he will probably do so as unexpectedly to the public as he left Nashville. ROSECRANS, as one of our correspondents remarked yesterday, is sending out no rumors of a grand advance, and giving the enemy no clue to his plans. But the rebels are none the less fearful of his appearance, and are probably trying to give the impression that they have received immense reinforcements, that they may thus delay as long as possible the evil day.

From the armies of GRANT and McCLERNAND we shall probably soon hear of a third and joint attack upon Vicksburgh. Our special dispatches from Washington this morning state that the Government is in expectation of soon receiving good news from Vicksburgh. The first expedition against that place failed for want of a land army, and the second failed because the work was in the hands of an inefficient General, who could not wait until the proper combinations were executed. But the third effort is to be on a scale of vastness which will completely dwindle all previous attempts. If the contemplated plan is carried out, there will be three great land forces and a prodigious naval force engaged in the work. Admiral FARRAGUT has probably by this time commenced operations against Port Hudson; and if he has proved successful, he will push up the river, when, in conjunction with the co-operating armies of GRANT and McCLERNAND, a tremendous effort will be made to reduce the contumacious rebel stronghold. We do not look for anything but success, as we believe the last effort would have been successful had it been of a like nature, and managed by skillful hands.

The Army of the Potomac has seemed for some days to be on the very eve of battle, but it would not surprise us if our first two great victories came from the Armies of the Southwest.

THE LASSO.—Our advices from Mexico this morning by way of Havana, state that the Mexican guerrillas were using the *lasso* to catch the officers of the French invading army. A lot of their cavalry thus surprised the enemy's vanguard of four thousand, killed as many of them as possible, and flung the long rope over the officers heads and dragged them off, behind their horses. This is a new style of warfare to the French, and it is no wonder that it has at first proved successful. The Mexicans occasionally tried the same trick on the stragglers of our army when in Mexico, but they met with very poor luck.

Discipline of the Army.

One of our correspondents with the left *wing of the Army of the Potomac, gave us, in* a letter which we published on Friday last, some facts in reference to the more stringent discipline which has recently been put in force in that Grand Division, and cited some instances of severe punishment inflicted upon soldiers for misbehavior before the enemy, for absenteeism, for skulking and other military offences. Another correspondent, in a letter which we published yesterday, writing from the Grand Reserve Division of Gen. SIGEL, stated that during the last few weeks Court-martial had been held in that command, and also cited some instances of the severe but just sentences which had been passed upon officers for various derelictions of duty. Among them was that of a Lieutenant-Colonel cashiered for drunkenness, and a Captain cashiered "for cowardice and misbehavior before the enemy." The Commanding General, in confirming the proceedings, findings and sentence of the Court in the last-mentioned case, remarked: "The punishment is not too severe; the proper punishment for such conduct is *death*." In the other Grand Divisions of the Army of the Potomac we hear of similar proceedings. And we are in*clined to think, from various indications*, that the days of trifling and leniency with military offenders is past.

We need this increased firmness, and we need that its operation be extended,—straggling and desertion have not been infrequent in our army. We have dealt with it gently and have suffered from it *accordingly*. It is said that the President once remarked that the *women* of the North "would not stand it" if volunteers were shot for desertion. If that is so, dearly have the women of the North paid, and dearly will they pay, for their mistaken sympathy. These crimes have lost us victories; they have delayed the success of our cause; they have sent many a brave man to his death, and, unless checked by the use of measures stern enough to put a stop to them, they will bring us further defeat and disaster. The English writer, who pretended to have seen the battle of Fredericksburgh with his own eyes, and who described it on the part of our troops as "a carnival of cowardice," was a first-class liar undoubtedly. But BURNSIDE's sharp punishments of some soldiers who did display poltroonery there will render the repetition of the falsehood, when the next battle comes, more difficult. Our leaders must stop desertion. They must be willing not only to slay rebels, but also to execute justice upon men whose sentiments may be loyal, but whose actions aid rebellion. The cause at stake is worth more than any man's life.

So, too, must our Generals learn this lesson as well as our soldiers. They must know that the General who lets personal feeling interfere with his devotion of all his powers to the success of the cause, who becomes loyal to a man instead of being loyal to his country and to the cause of the rights of all men, is embarked upon a voyage whose only harbor is overthrow and disgrace. They must feel that that overthrow is sure, and that disgrace lasting.

More firmness and decision too, is needed with reference to *spies*. We have seen within a day or two the notice of the arrest of spies in or near Washington, and read the announcement that they would meet the punishment which the laws of war affix to their crimes; nevertheless such has been the mistaken mildness of our action with this class of criminals, that we wait to see the announcement that they have actually been punished before we fully credit it. It is a most mistaken gentleness which spares a spy. Many a hearth among us is now desolate, that would have remained bright but for the kindheartedness which refuses to take a man's life merely because he gave information to the rebels. Impunity to spies places the party which gives it at a terrible disadvantage. Let us have no more of it.

We hail the prospect of improvement in these directions as a sign of hope, and if that hope be not disappointed by the history of the swift-coming future, we shall have a better army, and better success shall crown its efforts.

We have erred on the side of too much leniency all along in this war. We have not shown enough of that old Roman firmness, which could slay the country's enemy, even though all the feelings of a father's breast called on the hand to stay. Would it have been believed that in a war where one side should suffer as we have from treachery, from plans betrayed, from spies on every hand, the punishment of spies could yet have been almost unheard of? Would it be believed that a war could be carried on so long amidst the most dreadful menaces, and with every infamous epithet used officially upon one side for the purpose of exciting to still greater ferocity its myrmidons, already ferocious from years of an organized social barbarism, while from the other should come no threat but of legal punishment, no harder name than that of rebels, no word which would be unworthy of a judge passing sentence upon a criminal, no hope expressed but for the overthrow of disorder and treason, and the return of that constituted law-abiding peace which blessed our land in years gone by?

So far as this comparison of the language used on either side goes, we would not for the world have it less favorable to us in the future. We still hope to have from our statesmen and our Generals only words of dignity, only appeals to lofty motives, only a language worthy of the great cause and the great principles which they sustain. We should think [illegible] opened were our President to fall to vituperation and call the rebels "hyenas" and the like. But in the matter of action, we might well have an improvement in more firmness and decision.

Greece and the Great Powers.

A recent Paris telegram announces that a conference of the representatives of the Great Powers is to be shortly held in London, in order to determine the conditions on which the *Ionian Islands shall be ceded to Greece*. These islands, then, are not to be a free gift from England. Their session is to be made dependent on the assent of the Greeks to certain terms, not yet formally promulgated. A *quid pro quo* is to be exacted for their surrender; and what the general nature of that *quid* will be, may be gathered from another telegram transmitted by the British Government, at an earlier date, to its Minister at Athens. This brief note intimates to the Hellenes the terms on which England is ready to hand over the Septinsular Republic to their little State. If the people adhere to a monarchical form of government, and choose a sovereign acceptable to England, England will be prepared to reward their docility by surrendering to them those coveted islands. But should the Greeks presume to abjure monarchy, or to elect a King who shall not find favor in British eyes, they must not expect any such surrender. These conditions are not creditable to England. They indicate a disposition to take an ungenerous advantage of the weakness and difficulties of Greece. They betray a desire to exact an exorbitant price for that which England should freely surrender. *The Greeks have already given manifest proof of their predilection for monarchy*—of their partiality for the reigning house in England. But, since they cannot induce Prince ALFRED to reign over them, are they to forfeit all claim to British favor should they prefer a native ruler to another German, or a constitutional Republic to an alien despotism? Let England palter with her promise—let her withhold the Ionian Isles from "living Greece" if she pleases; but let her not persist in tempting the Greeks to barter their rights as freemen for the acquisition in question. The country which first gave consistency to European civilization is surely not less worthy of having her privileges respected than her younger sister, Italy.

Beside, the imposition of at least one of the conditions would be futile. The mere existence of a necessity for holding a conference of the representatives of the Great Powers, touching the cession of these Ionian Islands, demonstrates that England is not sole arbitress in this matter. France and Russia will have to be conciliated, as well as England; and, although the three Powers may agree on all the conditions of surrender, save one, still there is one, at all events, about which they are certain to differ—that relating to the personality of the new sovereign. The Czar and NAPOLEON will most assuredly not be content to see an instrument of England placed in the vacant throne. They will certainly as inexpressible objections to the election of any such candidate, as they did to that of Prince ALFRED himself; and were the Greeks, for the purpose of keeping England in good humor, to cast their votes for Don FERDINAND, or any other of her *protégés*, they would not bring themselves a single step nearer to the possession of said Islands, as the very course which would be acceptable to the latter Power would be sure to alienate the two former, who would punish the Greeks for their subserviency to British influence, by forbidding the cession in any shape. Under these circumstances, is England doing the handsome thing in urging the Greeks to act in a manner that would arouse the hostility of France and Russia? If the right of free election is to be denied to the Greeks, and their choice of a sovereign agreeable to the protecting Powers, is to be a fundamental condition of the septinsular cession, would it not be fair for those Powers, before calling on the Greeks to select a ruler, to make an effort to come to some understanding with each other as to the individuality of the candidate? When the Great Powers shall have accomplished this feat, they can with the more propriety require the Greeks to ratify their choice; but should the said Powers fail to agree about a candidate, the very least they can do will be to allow the Greeks, like the Italians, to choose their own King, and decide their own destinies, transferring to them the Ionian Isles, in consideration of the new Government, respecting existing treaties, and abstaining from creating trouble in the dominions of the Sultan. This would be a course more equitable toward Greece and more worthy of the Great Powers than that which they seem at present disposed to pursue.

THE SOLDIERS' PAY AND THE MAIL ROBBERS.—We have received a number of letters from soldiers, complaining of the robbery of the money which they have sent to their families through the mails. One poor fellow states that he thus lost forty-two dollars at one time, twelve dollars another time, and fifty-six dollars at his third effort to transmit money through the post-office. The Army of the Potomac is now being paid off, and large sums are being sent home by the soldiers, and it is feared that the mail robbers are on the alert to make as rich a harvest as possible. In some regiments all that the men thus contribute to their families has been got together, and the Chaplain of the regiment or other person has been deputed to take it home and see that it was safely delivered to those for whom it was intended. But in many individual cases this plan is impracticable, and the mails will continue to be used to a great extent.

We hope the Postmaster-General, and all the local postmasters, will look into this matter. It is hard enough for our soldiers to have to wait so long to get the pittance due them, but harder still that after they do get it, it should be stolen. In the meantime it would be better for those in the army who desire to transmit money, and cannot do it by chaplain or other trusty deputy, to send it by some one of the Express Companies. They have their responsible parties to deal with.

New-York and Washington Railway.

A bill will soon be presented to Congress to constitute certain street railways, already built in Philadelphia, a military and post route, in order to enable the New-York and Washington trains to pass through the unaccommodating right-angled village *without transhipping passengers or breaking* bulk. This result was effected last Summer by ferrying the trains bodily across the Delaware; but the boat employed for that purpose is quite inadequate for Winter navigation. Indeed, transhipments by city cars occupies less time. A bill contemplating the same objects was defeated by the last Congress, on the ground that the existing monopoly would have too much power, and might, in virtue of the authority thus given, bridge the Delaware below Philadelphia and the Hudson at New-York. An equally satisfactory objection would have been that the convenience of travelers would be too greatly enhanced. What excuse Congress will next interpose, we cannot divine. In fact, the proposed law, instead of giving a valuable monopoly to the existing Companies, will impose upon them the cost of adapting the City tracks in question to long cars, for temporary use only, as they are *already constructing a steam road around Philadelphia*, to be completed within a year, thus leaving the Quaker City out in the cold, as far as through traffic is concerned. This new road branches from the Philadelphia and Baltimore at Gray's Ferry, a few miles below the former city, on the west side of the Schuylkill, and runs five miles to the Reading Railway, which already crosses the Schuylkill and connects with the Philadelphia and Trenton—that is to say, the Camden and Amboy. The latter Company are about to still further shorten this detour by a straighter line, to meet the new branch of the Philadelphia and Baltimore. If Congress, then will grant the power asked, the public will, in a few weeks, be able to cross Philadelphia without changing *seats*—which, we think, conveys a more striking idea than changing *cars*—and without the risk of permanently aiding the present Companies, if that is any objection. Otherwise, the public will have to endure the present annoyance another year; and it may be that the Government and the country will suffer for the want of proper connection between the Metropolis and the Capital. While Congress is declining to act, in the fear that some corporation or other will be unduly benefited, the emergency will have subsided.

Now let us look for a moment at what Congress does appear to entertain—a new air-line railway, alongside the present line. We have urged the folly of such a line as a business enterprise; but when the Government is to put in five millions of money, it becomes still more objectionable. If the road is so very much needed, of course it will pay roundly, and when a scheme promises large dividends, capitalists would rather keep the Government out, and enjoy the undivided spoils themselves. But the very terms of the bill stamp it a scheme to get untold money out of the Government, upon disingenuous, or, at least, undeveloped pretences. For instance, the new road is to be "fully completed, with all the fixtures and conveniences necessary for the prompt and efficient transaction of business thereon, as herein contemplated, within eighteen months from and after the passage of this act." So runs the bill. Now, twelve months should be employed in locating a road of this important character; and at least two years more would be employed in constructing adequate bridges across either the Susquehanna or the Delaware Rivers. Building piers in deep rivers with strong currents and floods, takes time, for only a few operatives can work together. On the whole, it is not probable—and the Committee know this as well as anybody—that the road could be put in operation in double the allotted time. Meanwhile the Philadelphia and Baltimore Road are completing their bridge across the Susquehanna as rapidly as possible; so that, years before the new road could be opened at all, the grand obstacles on the old line—the general break-up at Philadelphia and the *bistas* at Havre de Grace—will have been altogether avoided. The present transit through Baltimore is done without changing seats, and if the Baltimore and Ohio Company would avoid their unnecessary delays there, it would not be tedious.

There is much said about the necessity of an inland route. Well, it is already built. We have traveled by daylight from Jersey City to Washington *via* Harrisburgh and Baltimore without change of cars. A new road from *Baltimore* to Washington would not be such a wild scheme—at least to hold over the heads of the present monopolists, *in terrorem*. Finally, to take a very practical view of the case, the grand defect of this route—and a good many other Companies may as well take notice—is want of ventilation, and the maintenance of an improper temperature in the cars. If the remorseless fire-fiends, who cram the stoves with wood, were made to stoke the new ships of the navy till they could raise steam enough for tolerable speed, the people would doubly rejoice. The only scientific and comfortable way to warm carriages of any kind is to place tanks of hot water or other warming arrangements beneath the passengers' *feet*, and then keep the atmosphere cool and pure without violent draughts. Overcoats and shawls were made, not to vibrate from hooks against passengers' heads, but to keep a healthy heat in passengers' bodies and limbs. The violent heat of red-hot stoves, and the violent cold draughts of wintry air through open car-windows, simultaneously or alternately, as the case may be, is, after all, a more serious damage to the public mind, body, and estate, than delays or detours in railway transit.

The Army and the Rights under the Constitution.

The subjoined communication, although duly inclosed and directed to the NEW-YORK TIMES, appears to have been prepared for the columns of a neighboring cotemporary, to whom the Constitution has become a peculiar and sacred charge. We nevertheless give it the benefit of our circulation.—ED. TIMES.

The Administration has struck another blow at the army, and their organs rejoice in the manner of their kind over a new triumph of official malignity, partisan madness, and sectarian fury. We find in one of these disseminators of treason, apostles of desolation, heralds of ruin, and propagators of iniquity, the following report of the doings of certain self-constituted tribunals, at Falmouth, called "courts-martial" by the unscrupulous fanatics, to whose hands, as if in chastisement of our transgressions, the destinies of this once glorious country have been committed, confided, and intrusted.

Private ——: "For leaving his regiment during the battle of Fredericksburgh, and skulking in the woods. That the word coward be printed on a board, that board be lashed to his back; that he then be marched in front of his regiment from right to left and from left to right back again; that he serve one [illegible] upon each public works as the manner of hard labor upon such public works may dictate; that a ball and chain of thirty pounds weight, attached to a chain six feet in length, be fastened to his right leg every second month of his imprisonment."

A more audacious violation of the most sacred rights of the American citizen; a bolder attack upon the few shreds of Law and Constitution which Abolitionist violence and fanaticism have still left rebelling among us, a more cynical outrage upon the dignity of human nature, and a more striking exhibition of contempt for the finer feelings of the human heart than the above, it has not fallen to our lot, during our short but chequered career as journalists, to chronicle or record. To those—and it is one of the worst signs of the times that there are many such—who *will tell us that this unfortunate man deserved his* fate, and that the discipline of the army required that he should be sacrificed, we reply that this atrocious punishment was one which a Bazaine might have ordered, for he at least could point to a Code in justification of his tyranny, or the infliction of which might be pardoned in a Marlborough, for he could boast a Blenheim, a Ramilies, and a Malplaquet. But that such indignities should be offered to an American citizen,—for, thank Heaven, the unscrupulous ambitious, sacerdotal tyrants who now reign at Washington, cannot deprive the meanest of our soldiers of that sacred title to the respect of all good and wise men,—by an Administration of which HALLECK and STANTON are the presiding deities, and immediately after a defeat for which GRANTS and BANKS are mainly responsible, is one of those outrages on decency, common sense and common justice, which make the cheeks of countless generations glow and blush, and their eyes to blaze and sparkle.

Happily these infamous minions of an imbecile despot are not able to shroud either their crimes or their motives in mystery. They have the ferocity and cruelty of Venetian oligarchs, but not their dexterity; they have the cold-blooded malignity of a Tiberius, but they do not wield his power. We know why Fenton has been cashiered, and we know, too, why "Private ——" has had a board fastened to his back, and cannon ball chained to his leg, and neither the smiles nor the frowns of tyrants can *tempt us to withhold one word of this damning*, consuming, blasting revelation from our expectant readers. GREELEY may rail; BENNETT may preach, and CASSIUS SMITH may threaten us with assassination at the hands of his dusky myrmidons. We answer them all, in the words of an orator who witnessed the downfall of a Republic greater and more famous than ours by just such infamous practices as these in which the blatant, bloodthirsty, fiendish and fanatical crew, who now sit enthroned at Washington, are daily indulging—"*conscripti Catilinæ gladios; non pertimescam tuos.*" We find the secret motive of this persecution in the letter of our correspondent from the camp, dated Jan. 19: "The army," he says, "seems to be in good spirits, but it cannot be disguised that *every man of them distrusts Burnside and worships McClellan*, and wishes he were back." There is no loyal man of conscience or honor or patriotism, who reads these touching words, who will not see in them a full and ample explanation of the rancor and fury with which the Abolitionists are pursuing the handful of brave soldiers who declined to take part in that monstrous, hideous, sanguinary blunder and abortion called the battle of Fredericksburgh. They "skulked in the woods," we are told by these organs of the Administration. "They took refuge in the woods," history will write, "that they might not witness the slaughter of their comrades in the absence of the only man competent to lead, and of the only man in whom the army has confidence; they took refuge in the woods, that their eyes might not behold the carnival of blood, thunder and imbecility prepared by STANTON for the ruin and disgrace of the nation; they took refuge in the woods by way of protesting in the only manner left them against the removal of their late commander, without either their advice or consent, as well as against the whole policy of the Government in the conduct of the war; they took refuge in the woods in assertion of the inalienable right of private judgment with which they were born, and of which the fanatics of New-England are now trying to deprive them. They thought of McCLELLAN on the morning of battle; they thought of their homes, of their wives, of the violated Constitution and the despised laws, and of their dinner and supper, and of their skins, and concluded not to fight." For this noble reserve, for this intelligent caution, for this reluctance to shed brothers' blood, for this devotion to the chief of their choice, the action of the great house of Kinsadbright, the Administration is now subjecting them to indignities which are enough to make the blood of the most sluggish boil and bubble and foam like the great Kaiyser. Fenton has been sacrificed by a packed tribunal, for his devotion to McCLELLAN at Manassas. The unhappy "skulkers" at Fredericksburgh are now being subjected to a similar fate for devotion as devoted, if not as brilliant and conspicuous. There is no knowing where the new crusade of malignity will end. It is but a fresh outbreak of that spirit of dark fanaticism which led to the witch-burning and Quaker-whipping of the seventeenth century, and which now longs to envelop the Union and the world in rapine, incendiarism and murder.

Gen. Meigs a Traitor? No, Indeed!

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The very remarkable impeachment of Gen. MEIGS' loyalty, openly but informally made in the Senate by Mr. LANE, of Kansas, deserves attention. It is usually supposed that Senators know what they say, and have a decent regard for their responsibility in saying it. Violent as these suppositions sometimes are, whenever any Senator, in full Senate, openly calls the head of one of the most responsible Departments of the Government a disloyal traitor, people in general may well wonder what it means.

Permit me to say to honest men who wish to know the truth, that if Gen. MEIGS has become a traitor, the Boston air of Washington must have wrought a most miraculous change in him since the period of his banishment to the Florida Reef by Saint FLOYD. Having a kindred charge at Key West while Gen. MEIGS, then Captain of Engineers, was stationed at Tortugas, I am able to testify, that during all those dark hours of secession carnival, he was most energetically and efficiently loyal. He divined and freely foretold the true objects and tendencies of secession, with an insight for the lack of which in others the country greatly suffered. In various confidential conferences with him—conferences on which important action was based, Gen. MEIGS uniformly and unmistakably showed that loyalty to the Union was with him both a passion and a principle. In those days, to be loyal in a Southern State was no holiday service, especially for one like Gen. MEIGS, born in Georgia, and many of whose relatives and friends took leading parts in the growing frenzy. Those who well knew his spirit and action during that early and decisive period of this contest will hardly be convinced by any assertion that Washington influences can have vitiated the ardent and practical loyalty which was so useful in our Government, not only on the Florida reef, but in the expedition of Col. BROWN for the relief of Fort Pickens. If Gen. MEIGS has a drop of traitor blood in his veins, it must have been put there by transfusion while he was asleep, and since he was made Quartermaster-General. Doubtless, in the discharge of his very onerous duties, he is sometimes impatient of outside pressure, and sharps an acerbity which might better be spared, thus proving himself human. But Gen. MEIGS is honest and capable. I, for one, think he is almost the only man in the country who could now sufficiently discharge the duties of his Department, the disbursements in which exceed every other. A clear-headed General once remarked to me that "MEIGS is the only man in Washington who is up to six hundred thousand men."

[illegible] of [illegible] the character of any officers must be very prominent in [illegible] and the prominent sentence of MEIGS' dishonesty is found in the fact that DAVIS was once his friend, it may be that the pleasure Senator LANE's or some great [illegible] in exile so capricious.

This is the dilemma. Either Senator LANE [illegible] of what he says or else he [illegible] [illegible] of Gen. MEIGS, [illegible]

IMPORTANT FROM HAVANA

Rumored Defeat of the French Before Puebla.

Transporting Prisoners of War to Martinique.

French Influence in Cuba—Return of the Iron-Clad Normandie to France—Counterfeiting in Havana.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAVANA, Wednesday, Jan. 14, 1865.

Although the news brought to this place by the last steamer from Vera Cruz is sufficiently voluminous, yet it appears wanting in one essential thing, namely, reliable intelligence about the movements, position, and intentions of the French General. We have a great deal of news, but very little concerning the French. It is generally considered here that the news from Mexico, when unfavorable for the French, is prohibited from appearing in the daily journals, and as we have lately had nothing except through French channels, it gives an air of probability to a report current in this city, that the French have met with disasters, having been repulsed from before Puebla, and obliged to retire with a considerable loss of men to their former position at Orizaba.

How this news came I have not been able to learn, but it is generally believed in Havana, and as the same silence with regard to the French prevailed last May, when they were defeated by the Mexicans, there may possibly be some truth in the account.

That French influence is used to keep intelligence from being published in the Havana papers when it is considered injudicious, there can be but little doubt. Nor is this influence confined to matters of the utmost importance, for I was told that the French Consul had complained of some news published in one of the Havana papers that the French had not moved from Orizaba; and as the Press in this Island is under the supervision of a censor, it is impossible for it to publish anything that the Government disapproves of. It is sad to think that a high and spirited nation like Spain should lend itself to submit to the dictates of that imperious autocrat, the Emperor of the French.

With respect to the line of conduct pursued by the French in Mexico, there is one part of it worthy of universal condemnation. I allude to that cruelty—for it can be called by no other name—in transporting prisoners of war to a West India Island—Martinique—to fall victims to the yellow fever and the unhealthiness of the climate; for, although the neighborhood of Vera Cruz may be subject to the same epidemics, it should be recollected that the natives of the mountainous country in the interior of Mexico are as liable to fall victims to the above-named scourge of the tropics as Europeans or natives of the Northern States.

The correspondent of the *Press*, at Vera Cruz, speaking on this subject, says as follows in a late communication:

"The name of Martinique is as terrible here as that of Ceuta or Melilla would be in Spain or Cuba for delinquents. Every one that offends the French is transported to Martinique, and whoever does not serve them willingly is threatened with a like transportation."

French tyranny in Mexico is not confined, however, to the natives of the place. The same correspondent mentions in a letter of a recent date that three Cubans, a part of those who entered into a contract here to go over to Vera Cruz in the employ of the French on the railroad, were locked up in the castle of San Juan de Ulloa, and only got their liberty through the interference of the Spanish Consul.

The same correspondent, in another part of his communication, says:

"To the Spaniards who were engaged in Cuba to come and work here, advantages were offered that have not been fulfilled, in order to force them to take up arms as contra-guerrillas. In the last English steamer from Havana, there came about forty, and they are about to return from not finding the benefits that had been offered them."

The iron-clad steamer *Normandie* has left here for France, it being found impossible to keep her with safety to the crew in these warm latitudes, where a more thorough system of ventilation is required than what could be furnished on board.

The demand for sugars was somewhat greater on the 3d inst., but prices remained unchanged. Three hundred and fifty hogsheads were up for sale in different lots; ordinary, at 6¾ cents; good to middling, from 7 to 7½; fully fair, 7¾; clear yellow, at 6. The quantity on hand was small, the demand generally for exportation.

For molasses there was more animation, 1,000 barrels in several lots having been sold, with a decline in prices; inferior and common, from 28 to 28½; new, from 30 to 30½; new, good quality, and prime, from 32 to 35. A lot of good quality of the preceding crop was sold at 22 cents the gallon.

If forging is prevalent in the United States, we are not much better off here; even the postage-stamps with us are falsified, and parties are now in prison awaiting their trial for this offence. So largely were the imitations diffused that the Government has been obliged to publish a notice in the official papers how to distinguish between the real and the counterfeit postage-stamps. Parties are also awaiting their trial for forging the notes of the Spanish Bank of Havana. This latter attempt is rather a difficult operation, as the Bank now uses a paper of the exact description on that used by the Bank of England, manufactured on purpose, and cannot be counterfeited, however the letter-press, engravings and signatures may be.

On the 5th inst., there left Santiago de Cuba, for Vera Cruz, the French man-of-war *L'Allier*, which had lately arrived there from Jacmel, in Hayti. It took out to Mexico 300 mules, 100 horses, 20 bundles of hay, 100 sacks of corn, and 100 horse-halters, as well as several Spaniards and Cubans, to act as mule drivers and superintend this part of the commissariat.

One Manrique, (not Max.) but another of the same surname, who lately brought out from New-York an opera company to play in the various towns about the Island, died at Santiago de Cuba a short time ago, of a liver complaint.

The *British Queen*, on her voyage from New-York to Havana, touches at Nassau, from which place she brings news up to the 10th inst. Nassau is filled with strangers, and vessels are constantly arriving from Eleuthera and the Northern States, as this warehouse has to be used as temporary place for goods. On Christmas-eve, the Captain of a Confederate vessel named Florence, (not sure of the number,) Mr. Beaumont, the keeper of a billiard table, now resident in Nassau, and a British subject, died in Cuba. The deceased leaves a wife and three orphan children. Capt. Freeman has been put in jail to stand his trial this month.

According to the Nassau *Herald*, there arrived at Nassau from Liverpool, Eng., between the 27th of December and Jan. 6, the following steamers with cargoes of assorted goods: Douglas, Nicholas I., Tinnie and Cayjoe, besides several ships and barks with gunpowder and other merchandise.

The steamer *Antonia*, laden with cotton, arrived on the 30th ult. at Nassau from Charleston, having made the voyage in 33 hours; the shortest, observes the Nassau *Herald*, that has as yet been made between the two ports.

The English vessel *Ida*, from Mansanilla, Cuba, with a cargo of mahogany, and bound to Falmouth, Eng., was wrecked on the 27th ult., to the west of the Abaco Islands. The hull of the vessel and part of the cargo were saved. "SARAH."

INTERESTING NEWS FROM MEXICO.

Arrival of the English Mail Steamer Conway at Havana—Retreat of the French from Mexico City, Puebla, Guanajuato, Jalapa, Vera Cruz and Other Places Occupied by the French and the Mexicans.

By the arrival of the English steamer *Conway*, at Havana, from Vera Cruz, news has been received from the Mexican Republic up to the 1st inst.

From the *Tecuzumo* we make the following extracts:

The *Opinion* of Jalapa says last Sunday morning Gen. Manrique entered Jalapa with a corps of the Mexican army of infantry and cavalry, amounting to 4,000 men.

The *Boletin Oficial* of Puebla asserts that for no cause whatever will the armistice between Puebla and Mexico be withdrawn.

On the 23d of November last, the non-movable Ciudad Guard were reviewed in the Paseo Nuevo of Mexico.

Gen. Bazaine had arrived in Mexico, and was complimented with a public dinner by the Deputies of the State of Mexico.

Juarez had arranged, it was said, to go to Puebla to distribute the medals of the 5th of May.

Gen. Bazaine, Commander-in-Chief of the Second Division of the French expeditionary forces, had entered Jalapa in great pomp, the troops forming a double line, the regimental bands playing, and the artillery firing salutes. Gens. Marquez and Berthier accompanied Gen. Bazaine, and in addition to the French troops, there were several Mexican corps.

The French man-of-war *Sauvelle* left Vera Cruz on the 25th ult. for Martinique, where it was to leave twenty-one guerrillas, taken prisoners in different fights, who are to remain captives in Fort de France until the end of the war.

On the night of the 22d ult. a detachment belonging to a company of the infantry regiment No. 62, which occupies Medellin, surrounded the estate of Novillero, where there were assembled guerrillas, who for some time past have devastated the country, and stopped the cattle and provisions which the farmers were bringing to Vera Cruz. The French soldiers, who were received with a smart firing of musketry, destroyed the nest of robbers, who tried in vain to defend themselves. Of these last twenty-five were killed, only two of the French being slightly wounded.

We have been assured by a person of veracity that on the 14th ult. a fight took place at San Andrés, Chalchicomula, between some French forces, consisting of the Forty-ninth Regiment of African Chasseurs and a company of the Ninety-ninth Regiment of the line, and those of Carvajal, the latter being routed after a large number had been killed, leaving 16 prisoners in the hands of the French. An officer of the Ninety-ninth Regiment of the line was carried by his horse, which he could not manage, among Carvajal's troops, who immediately killed him. Four French soldiers also met their deaths in the combat.

About 200 cavalry of Gen. Marquez and the French force beat and routed completely, on the 16th ult., in Cerro de Leon, about 1,500 cavalry of Aureliano Rivera, Romero and Quesada, leaving 48 killed, and 54 prisoners, horses and arms. Belonging to the Mexican force there was killed an officer of merit, and five soldiers wounded. Of the French force one officer and two soldiers wounded.

The trial relative to the poisoning of French soldiers by some Mexicans, having been concluded at Vera Cruz, the French Court-martial, presided over by Lieut.-Col. Maxent, after two days' open session, gave the following sentences:

"Manuel Gomez, Bartolo Ruaderas, and Justo Paso, to suffer death; José Carmona, ten years of hard labor; Roman Zamudio, five years of ditto; Antonio Zamudio, hard labor for life; Dolores Barajas, ten years of hard labor; Dolores Arellano and Dolores Carvajal, set at liberty."

The orders of the Commander-in-Chief were awaited to put in execution the above sentences.

The *Opinion*, of Jalapa, contains the following:

"The greater part of the French and Mexican troops, stationed in our town, have set out in the direction of Perote, leaving a sufficient garrison and the necessary artillery. The number of French and Mexican soldiers that were here exceeded 10,000 men, and it is said that there will shortly arrive other French corps of the Bazaine Brigade.

At the last accounts there continued in the capital the greatest scarcity of money and destruction of commerce from the paralyzed condition in which everything was, and the infinite number of taxes. Letters from that city, state that there had been ordered a new monthly contribution of from $100 to $7,000, to be collected among a fixed number of persons. The greatest anxiety reigned in the minds of all from this and other former reasons.

The papers continue inventing falsehoods about troubles having taken place here on account of the naming of the municipality, religious ceremonies, &c.

We have news from Puebla up to the 8th inst. On the preceding day there took place the distribution of the medals of the 5th of May, which ceremony was performed with most solemnity, in the public square. Juarez returned on the 6th to Mexico.

A decree had been published in Puebla imposing a monthly contribution of $132,400, divided in quantities of $7,000 to $50.

Gen. Doblado, appointed Constitutional Governor of Jalisco, left Guanajuato to assist the above-named place, threatened by Tomas, with 2,500 men; he arrived and assumed the command, but having imposed a loan and not being able to obtain it, he left it again with his forces, leaving the city in the danger in which it was.

Dueñas-Pierce had entered Agua Calientes, and was moving in the direction of Zacatecas.

On Mejia approaching Queretaro with his forces, the garrison left, but Mejia passed by without entering.

According to the last news Gen. Mejia was in the neighborhood of San Luis Potosi.

A report was circulated in Jalapa that the French troops who left Perote had had a combat with the guerrillas, but there was nothing of the sort. As far as San Miguel del Soldado the French troops had not met with any enemy or fired a single shot. The only persons attacked by the guerrillas were a poor Mexican mule-driver, who, having taken a by-path, was robbed and stabbed to death.

Letters have been received from Orizaba to the 31st ult., which contain important news.

Gen. Tremargo and Col. Lavaze have submitted to the intervention, and presented themselves in San Andres Chalchicomula with two hundred cavalry. On the 16th one hundred more men presented themselves.

It is likewise said, but requires confirmation in our opinion, that the news is correct of Aureliano Rivera having presented himself with 600 cavalry to Gen. Bazaine.

There is no news from the capital. All the field artillery have been taken from Puebla, leaving only the siege guns.

We have a respectable force in Palmar, San Andres and Tehuacan. All those places have submitted to the intervention, and Gen. Douay has ordered lists to be made of all the inhabitants who have agreed to take up arms to save their lives and property, and 500 muskets have been sent for to arm the places; they have taken and put in confinement the Count De Tepey and others.

There is nothing wanting in Palmar, and flour is now being sent from there to the troops here.

The excesses which the Liberals commit on retiring or fleeing are dreadful.

The *Heraldo*, of Mexico City, contains the following news up to the 20th of December:

MEXICO, Saturday, Dec. 23.

"The citizen Governor of the State of Tlaxcala, being desirous to afford all the services in his power in the sanguinary struggle in which the tyrant of France has challenged us, proceeded to Puebla for the object of agreeing with the citizen Commander-in-Chief of the Army of the East, and had likewise a conference with the citizen President of the Republic and his Ministers.

Citizen Juan J. de la Garza has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of all the forces of the State of Tamaulipas, who we have no doubt, from the prestige which he enjoys in that State, and his activity, will assemble numerous forces to attack the foreign enemy who occupy the port of Tampico, and who have called to their aid the banditti that prowl about the Sierra, under the command of the traitor Marin.

The Sovereign Congress voted a decree which the Executive has made public, containing the following resolutions:

Art. 1. The Mexican Government will treat the French prisoners that are taken from the invading army in the same manner as the French army treats Mexican prisoners.

Art. 2. The Government will supply in preference the families of Mexican prisoners with the pay that is due to those latter in virtue of their employments.

Gen. Leyva, who has so often defeated the allies of the French, arrived in this capital with part of the contingent of troops required from the third district of the State of Mexico.

Gen. Negrete has gone back to put himself at the head of the division under his command.

Citizen General Antonio Pasquel has been appointed second in command of the army of the center.

The Supreme Government has appointed the citizen General-in-Chief of the army of the center to observe, as well in the military occupation, an order issued by the Congress at the 6th of November last, so in aid of the army of the Eastern public servants of the Federal District and State of Mexico, as well as those belonging to the General Government to the States of San Luis, Zacatecas, Michoacan, have begun with Cuahulia, to occupy with the same object in the Federal District and State of Mexico private property, fixing, with the agreement of the owners, the value of the things that the commander-in-chief may take, or returning them if they should, only be required temporarily.

The Citizen Commander-in-Chief of the army of the East, considering that the name of the different convents which are in Puebla would not find security in them in case of the city being attacked by the invaders, and the necessity of occupying those buildings with troops, artillery and trains, has determined that the nuns should leave the convents of Concepcion, Soledad, San Geronimo, Santa Clara, Santa Rosa, and Carmelitas, leaving them the choice of going to private houses, to buildings of the neighboring towns, or the convent of Guadalupe, which not, it has been ordered, shall take place with all the becoming respect due to the venerable sisters. The regular troops have marched out of the city, without any disturbance, and with their usual order, the last of the rear-guard of dragoons, at 7 o'clock in the morning.

The Government of the District of Mexico has issued a decree for the National Guard, increasing it to the number of 12,700 men.

The supreme Government having observed that the clergy broke the laws of reform, communicated to the Citizen Governor of the District a note, in which, after mentioning the misdemeanors that the clergy have fallen into, made the following resolution:

"The President orders you to punish, as Governor, with the penalty of from one to three months' imprisonment the priests guilty of the misdemeanors to which this note refers."

The *Diario de la Marina*, in its paper of the 7th inst., gives the following correspondence from Orizaba:

ORIZABA, Sunday, Dec. 31.

It is reported here that the enemy are evacuating Puebla, that Juarez is retiring to Oaxaca, and that Gonzalez, Comonfort or Casarrosa will occupy the Presidency of the Republic. These are only reports, but not unlikely, for I do not believe that the demagogues can maintain themselves. The moderate men, as Comonfort, are working hard to get into power, and it is certain to me that a thousand artifices have been employed to reopen negotiations with Gen. Forey. Of course, they have done nothing.

An emissary from Mejia has arrived here, bringing the news that the above General has taken from the friends of Juarez no less than $500,000 and 20,000 muskets. There is perhaps some exaggeration in the amount of money, but, perhaps, it is not less than $300,000. The blow has been a good one.

Doblado cannot leave Guadalajara, for if he did so he would lose the department.

The French and Mexican troops would be very sorry if the enemy should evacuate Puebla, as it meets their interests that the latter should defend themselves there.

Gen. Almonte continues laboring for the good of this unfortunate and beautiful country, and I have heard that his services are highly appreciated in elevated Mexican spheres. Our troops (at present) all recognize Gen. Almonte as supreme chief of the nation, and wish for no other. Gen. Marquez, although away with his command, also recognizes him as such.

ORIZABA, Saturday, Dec. 23.

It appears certain that in the direction of Jalapa, the expeditionary troops have given a good whipping to the followers of Juarez.

With respect to the evacuation of Puebla, all that there is say now is, that forces have left there to reinforce the capital, which is threatened, close at hand, by Gen. Mejia.

ORIZABA, Thursday, Dec. 22.

The mail leaves to-day for Vera Cruz, and I have little more to say. The day has not yet been fixed for removing headquarters, and perhaps it would be as well that there should be some delay.

The English steamer *Ocean*—which had been chartered by the French Government to bring, from Vera Cruz to Havana, the artillery for arming two French ships of the line, now lying in the last-named port, and which had been lately used as transports, and, therefore, dismantled of their cannon—arrived at Havana on the 9th inst., having left Vera Cruz on the 3d. It brings no fresh intelligence, but only the following, taken from the correspondence of the *Diario*.

The French forces at the above date were distributed in the following manner:

In Palmar, San Andres and Orizaba from 7,000 to 8,000 soldiers; in Perote and Virjas the same number. Marquez is encamped at the last-named place, with something less than 1,000 men. In Tampico, hardly 4,000. The force which was at Tlaxcalapan and Alvorado evacuated those places. The navy forms the garrison of Vera Cruz, and the rest of the 30,000, which form the expeditionary corps, are divided among convoys, garrisoning posts, military magazines and hospitals.

In the steamer which left in December for France new reinforcements were requested, which, it was expected, would arrive at Vera Cruz at the end of January or beginning of February; and, as it is expected that by that time the greater part of the railroad which is being constructed as far as Orizaba will be terminated, those troops will be rapidly sent into the interior. The reinforcements consist of two divisions of the Imperial Guard, whose minimum effective force for attacking Puebla is estimated at about 15,000.

On the other side, the total of disposable forces is as follows: In Puebla, 25,000 regular troops and 10,000 volunteers; between that city and Mexico, two divisions intended to serve as a reinforcement or protect a retreat, within a force of from 10,000 to 12,000; in the capital, 12,000; in Queretaro, 3,000; and the reserve under Alvarez, in the State of Guerrero, which amounts to 12,000 or 14,000.

The Mexicans, although much more numerous than the French, are, notwithstanding, in difficulties—the chief of which is the want of means to feed their troops.

In Puebla there are ten small forts, with nearly 200 cannon. The fortifications of the capital are on the same plan.

The French artillery is almost all between Jalapa and Vegas.

The authorities of Vera Cruz have resolved to construct a lazaretto, from there having appeared some cases of malignant small-pox, eight or ten altogether; but it is believed that it will not be long before it augments and appears as a regular epidemic.

Regardless of the great misery that prevailed all over Yucatan, the Governor had ordered that commissioners should be named in all the towns of the State, charged to collect subscriptions "in favor of the army which has gone out to meet the invaders of the Republic."

The *Diario de la Marina*, in addition to the above, states as follows:

"We have before us letters from Orizaba of the 23d ult., according to which the advanced body of the French army was at Amazoquito, as we had been told when speaking of the French steamer *Java*, but at Tehacan, eight leagues distant from Puebla.

They likewise write from Orizaba that troops and artillery had left Puebla for Mexico, which was apparently menaced by the Conservative Gen. Mejia. From that sending of reinforcements many persons concluded that the troops of Juarez were going to leave Puebla, which in our opinion is not proved, as are not other reasons on which, under present circumstances, cannot be received with great caution."

In the letter from Mexico already given, we are told that language is unable to describe the condition of the Republic, and particularly of the Capital. "If it lasts a few months longer," adds our correspondent, "we shall not know what to do, for contributions are multiplying in such a manner, and are so exorbitant, that proprietors are only so in name. The product of estates is scarcely sufficient to satisfy the demands of Government. Trade is destroyed, and articles of food cost now double what they did some time ago."

ADDITIONAL AND IMPORTANT.

The French Communications Cut off—Their Reported Defeat at Puebla—Their Vanguard Surprised and Cut to Pieces.

HAVANA, Wednesday, Jan. 14, 1865.

Our sugar crop is beginning to make its appearance in market. The crop promises to be a very large one.

The markets here are glutted with Northern produce, and sales of all articles are made at ruinous prices.

The news from Mexico is of a highly interesting and exciting character.

French communication between Vera Cruz and Orizaba has been completely cut off by the Mexican guerrillas, and can only be reestablished and kept up by the French posting strong guards all along the routes.

The Mexican guerrillas are in strong force all along the road, and worry the French unceasingly.

It is reported that the French have again been repulsed and driven back from before Puebla with great loss.

The French General's (Bazaine's) vanguard, four thousand strong, was completely surprised by eight hundred Mexican cavalry, and about two thousand of the French troops were killed and wounded.

Several French officers were taken by the lance and dragged off.

The prospects of the French look accordingly bad. They can get no supplies from the country, and they are surrounded by a most determined enemy, who watch every opportunity to take advantage of them.

No French soldier can stray from his camp, without being lassoed and dragged off by some Mexican guerrilla who is on the watch for him.

The small-pox, in its most malignant form, has broken out in Vera Cruz, and a lazaretto is being built for this class of patients.

Shocking Accident at Hanesville, Ohio.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Saturday, Jan. 14.

The market house at Hanesville was crowded in this morning by snow on the roof. Seven persons were killed and many wounded.

ASTOUNDING REVELATIONS.

THE WOOD-HARNEDS IMBROGLIO.

Officers and Office-Seekers Sold—What was Paid and Who Got the Money.

Our Elective System—How Nominations Are Obtained—An Inside View of the Management of Our Local Politics.

FERNANDO WOOD'S PRESENT POSITION.

"Truth is stranger than fiction," says the ancient proverb, and "amen to that," responded every reader of the revelation concerning the rupture between Ex-Mayor Wood and Judge Barnard, as given exclusively in the Times of Friday last.

For years Fernando Wood and George Barnard have been a Power in local politics; for years they have manufactured candidates, controlled elections, and distributed patronage; for years men have bowed obsequiously to their behests, have done their bidding like faithful henchmen, have fawned upon their friends and preyed upon their enemies; for years Fernando Wood has been the king-pin in all political combinations, has ruled with an iron hand, seizing all the spoils and fattening (so to speak) upon the "good things" which are ever to be found in the van of success.

The public generally, regard him as a bold, bad man, of great mental power, with rare knowledge of men, and an unsurpassed faculty of combination. They have never known, and never will, the amount of esteem bolstering which Fernando received from such men as Barnard, whose mother and upholster he seemed, but whose mouthpiece and executive he in reality was.

If success be the test of merit, Mr. Wood has heretofore been meritorious; fortune smiled upon him at every turn, and he never drew a blank in any lottery deemed sufficiently safe for his investment.

Prosperity makes some people arrogant, insolent, incautious and of fence human. It had that effect upon our ex-Mayor and Congressman elect, so that regardless of his friends, backers and upholsters, he indulged in a series of such remarkable performances that in justice to themselves they withdrew from their idol-apparent, and it looks at this present moment as if the hero of a hundred primaries is on his last leg, and that the said limbs are exceedingly brittle.

Let us see what is what.

When the two wings of the Democratic fowl flapped peacefully toward each other, it was arranged that in event of success at the then approaching elections, the spoils should be honorably divided. Certain offices were apportioned to Tammany, and the rest to Mozart, *alias* Fernando alias Barnard and his coworking friends.

Various combinations were necessary to insure the election, and much confabing was done, at all of which Wood appear as the representative of Tammany. By the hosts of candidates for nomination he was supposed to be omipotent, and to him one and all paid lowly court.

Everything was arranged to suit the high contracting parties, and all matters were working well, when suddenly it was ascertained by Barnard and the other members of Mr. Wood's clique, that the Great Mogul had been playing into his own hand exclusively, and that he had not hesitated, for the furtherance of his individual fortunes, to sacrifice friends, disappoint political allies and forfeit the solemnest promises with the most brazen assurance.

Of this peculiarly cheerful method of feathering one's own nest, we learn the following little incident pertaining the

CORPORATION COUNSELSHIP.

Mr. John Hackett, a worthy son of the famous actor, formerly Corporation Counsel at San Francisco, California, and a man of ability and experience, was desirous of the nomination for this office. Judge Barnard wished him to have it, and Wood promised that it should be given him. Certain preliminary arrangements were to be made, and in good faith Mr. Hackett prepared to attend to them. While he was so doing, Mr. Geo. H. Purser, in some manner best known to himself approached our modern Warwick and arranged with him that the present incumbent, Mr. John E. Develin should be the lucky nominee. This arrangement was consummated, and Mr. Wood was very shortly after this in possession of $15,000 (fifteen thousand) more than he had before it. Judge Barnard, to whom Mr. Hackett complained of Wood's treachery, was naturally indignant that his friends should be thus shabbily treated, and suggested to Mr. Hackett that the position of

CORPORATION ATTORNEY

was one within Wood's gift, and that it might be well for him to apply for that. He did so, and by some means ascertained that, for the modest sum of $7,500, he could be accommodated. Seven thousand five hundred dollars is a large sum, but Mr. Hackett was willing to comply with the demand, and went to secure it. In the meantime, Mr. George C. Genet, the then incumbent, and Mr. Hill Fowler, the present incumbent, being seized with an admiration for the practice of law in that special branch, applied to the Dispensing Power for the boon. They applied very strongly. It is said that $7,500 sinks into comparative insignificance, but however that may be, Mr. Hackett was again disappointed, Mr. Hill Fowler was appointed, to the astonishment of the Bar, and Mr. Wood's bank account was stiffer by a check of—well, in the neighborhood of $10,000, than it was before. Tornadoes, whirlwinds, simoons and all that sort of thing are nowhere when compared with the storm of Judge Barnard's righteous indignation. He vowed vengeance, he columnized his wrath, he made a pilgrimage to the shrine of Janus, and called upon the highest known functionary to take cognizance of his absolute detestation and hatred of his former friend, Mr. Fernando Wood. The journey rurralward of a member of the legal fraternity, his father's astonishment at the request for a large sum of money, the mortgaging of his property, and sundry little adventures concerning the getting of the money, are matters of no public interest, though they were of vital import to the parties interested, and had much to do with the prompt settlement of the job.

This done, he wrote, so we are informed, a letter of no doubtful character to that distinguished individual, notifying him of the withdrawal of his countenance, his protection and his advice.

That was a sore day for Mr. Wood, and the efforts made by him to alter the purport of that indomitable Judge, would amuse as well as astound many a believer in the high-and-mighty nature of "Fernando the First" and last.

Mr. Hackett, as the story runs, didn't see the joke quite as clearly as did some of his friends, and he called at the Ex-Mayor's residence for the purpose of having it all explained. While there, occurred

A SCENE

which, as a dialogue, will interest the friends of either party, and indicate to disappointed candidates the under currents, as initiated by the enraged Hackett.

The scene took place in the parlor of the mansion close from this City.

Mr. Hackett—Mr. Wood, I called to say to you personally that you are a scoundrel, a rascal and a perjured villain.

Mr. Wood, (blandly)—Mr. Hackett you forget yourself; you are in my house sir, and such language is certainly improper as well as objectionable. I shall [illegible] Mr. W. then rose and left, in manner in which a lady or gentleman appeared, and was about entering the room, when Mr. Hackett gave a parting blow, he thought, and continued:

Mr. Hackett—If that were course between us, I shall have not his ribs, and out of your house as you may as well leave. On a certain night, at a room in the Astor House, were four gentlemen; Mr. D., Mr. ——, Mr. ——, and yourself. One of them now is a scoundrel, a rascal, a perjured villain and a hound. It is not Mr. D., nor Mr. ——, nor Mr. ——. Who he is I leave you to imagine.

Matters were becoming mixed, but as Mr. Wood was in his own house, and Mr. Hackett had a pistol in his hands, and as neither one nor the other would desire to figure in a case of assault and battery, no personal violence ensued, and Mr. Wood was left alone in his glory.

It soon leaked out that Judge Barnard had cut Mr. Wood, and instantly the whole pack of dirty little dogs who had been howling and screaming and playing the lackey to Mr. Wood turned full against him. The cry was time with curses from the unclean lips of men who but an hour before had begged and received favors at his hands. For such we have no word of commendation; they are worse than dumb who repent at half-past 11 o'clock P. M., and deserve no credit, not even recognition.

Investigation ensued, and it was disclosed to one and another that Mr. Wood's disposition of patronage was not to the end that a party might be built up on a first-class power established, but simply and solely that his personal pockets might be filled, and his exchequer be in condition to meet demands, to which we will allude hereafter.

We have not space nor do we care to write all that is before us, concerning the shameful shambling of office, as revealed by this investigation. A few prominent and

RECENT FACTS

will answer every desired end.

Mr. Max. C. Goodmanson, the Collector of Markets, is reported to have gained his position only when it was an ascertained fact that Mr. Wood was the gainer by $1,500.

An assistant in the office of the Corporation Attorney paid $300 to the Chief of the Disposition Bureau for his place.

But the incident which makes the most genuine sport amongst the followers of the Great Magician, is the appointment by Sheriff Leary of Mr. Hayes as Sheriff's Auctioneer.

It seems that Sheriffdoy represented to Mr. Hayes that for $9,000, $5,000 of which was to go to Sheriff Leary, he might secure the lucrative position, and being desirous of getting it, he paid the money, and up to within a day or so naturally believed that the Sheriff was part and parcel of the job, and that he received the $9,000. It is hardly necessary to state that such was not the case, and that Mr. Wood alone was enriched by the transaction.

But Mr. Wood, who has for so long a time had things his own way, is, it seems, no exception to the rule which says that misfortunes never come singly.

THE HARVIE CASE

has been decided against him, and he is held to answer to the full amount. We forbear to enter upon the merits of the case. Everybody knows all about it, and all that is necessary for us to give is, that it having been decided, Mr. Wood is moving heaven and earth to pay it. He succeeded in paying about one-third of it, but was unable to get beyond it. There is a balance of $17,000 due, and in order that matters may be uncomfortably arranged, Judge Barnard—just see the poetic justice of the affair—has appointed a Receiver, and that Receiver is no less a personage than Mr. William M. Tweed. Finding that Mr. Wood is backward about coming forward, Mr. Tweed has notified him that he will be obliged, by the suffering interests of the judgment, to ask for an Order from the Court, directing him (Wood) to appear and answer such questions concerning his property and his ability to pay, as may be put to him.

This order Judge Barnard will be compelled, doubtless, greatly against his will, to grant, and then such an unmasking of popular misimpressions as there will be, we hardly dare prophesy.

Particularly interesting just here, becomes a question which is now being argued before the Supreme Bench, concerning the sufficiency of greenbacks for the satisfaction of claims adjusted before the passage of the Legal Tender bill. If it should be decided that gold must be given in payment of these old claims, Mr. Wood, already seriously embarrassed by the depreciation of mortgaged property, and henceforth without offices to sell, will be placed in a most uncomfortable position, and in one from which it will be most difficult for him to be extricated.

Judge Barnard may thank himself for the rise, progress and downfall of Fernando Wood. Whether he will take heed, and hereafter cure his idiosyncrasy, and scrutinize more closely the doings and bargainings of his political associates we, of course, know not; but of one thing we are confident: The withdrawal of Judge Barnard from the side of Mayor Wood is an event of no slight importance; it has already caused a wide breach in a heretofore all-potent organization; it has disclosed associations, villainies and corruptions by the score, and will open the eyes of thinking men to the ways and contents of our leading politicians, which will, we trust, revolutionize the present "one man system," and induce all right thinking voters attend to their duties of citizenship, in person, that the City may be rid of these dealers in bargains and corruptions, and the fair fame of our institutions be no longer sullied and distorted by the absolute dishonesties of unscrupulous and selfish demagogues.

Department of the East.

GENERAL ORDERS, NOS. 9 AND 10.—As will be seen by the following general orders, the headquarters of the Department of the East are located at No. 44 Bleecker-street, in this City, where Major-Gen. Wood or Major C. T. Christensen, A. A. A. G., can be found at the specified hours for the transaction of the business of the department.

(OFFICIAL.)

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST, NEW-YORK CITY, Jan. 10, 1865.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 9.—Hereafter all troops mustered into the service of the United States, arriving in this City from the several recruiting depots; all convalescents, whether going to, or coming from, their respective regiments; and all troops arriving from the South, for the purpose of being mustered out of the service of the United States, will be reported to Brevet-Brig.-Gen. Harvey Brown, for such orders as the interests of the service may require.

By command of Maj.-Gen. Wood.

C. T. CHRISTENSEN,
Major and Aid-de-Camp, Act'g Asst'nt Adj.-General.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST, NEW-YORK CITY, Jan. 10, 1865.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 10.—The Headquarters of the Department are located at No. 44 Bleecker-street in this City.

All official communications will be directed to the Acting Assistant Adjutant-General at the above address.

By command of Maj.-Gen. Wood.

C. T. CHRISTENSEN,
Major and Aid-de-Camp, Act'g Ass't Adj.-General.

The Ambulance Corps.

An interesting exhibition drill of the nucleus of the new ambulance corps for the army was given at Irving Hall last evening, under the direction of Col. Henry R. Foote. An excellent band of music was in attendance, and previous to the evolutions of the ambulance corps, the men, about twenty in number, were drilled in the manual of arms—company movements and skirmish drill, which they executed with commendable precision considering the brief period of their service. The performance closed with a brief practice of a portion of the ambulance drill, illustrating how, during an action, men either dead or wounded would be carried off the field or cared for.

After the drill of the ambulance corps, the audience was called to order by Mr. Charles Gorin, and they appointed Gen. Hall Chairman, when the following resolution was offered, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the citizens who attended the drill of the officers of the First Regiment Ambulance and Sanitary Troops, vote unanimously to express their gratification at the drill and efficiency of the part of corps now assigned. They believe that such an organization is a necessity, and that it is commendably conducted by the army, and they hope that the corps will be encouraged and increased until it is made a [illegible]

Cel. Foote stated that a bill will doubtless pass Congress during the present session, and he would immediately thereafter the operating for the corps will commence. It is proposed that the officers of the corps shall be the men who were drilled last night. The corps is called the First Regiment Ambulance and Sanitary Troops, and the office is at No. 214 Broadway.

Note from Gen. Thomas and Miss Whitney.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In reply to numerous letters daily received, we are asked to our being married in certain churches or chapels, because we desire to prevent them from injury by flooding the minds of the visiting clergymen of the Episcopal Church, and also regarding the guests to be invited as under our control, we beg to state that we have no choice or wish in the matter, except our mutual preference for the venerable Right Rev. Bishop Potter, suggested, Trinity Church as the office in which to worship perhaps the marriage services, assisted by the Rector of St. John's Church of Bridgeport. Cards are out for the wedding, if we both live and have our health, we shall be married at 12 o'clock M. on Tuesday, the 24th day of February, proximo, and we have no wish to depart from strictly as heretofore announced.

Very truly, yours,
CHARLES S. STRATTON.
LAVINIA WHITNEY.

Return of the Steamship Nebraska—Re-fitted Men from the Alabama.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

HOOKER, Wednesday, Jan. 11, 1865.

The United States steamship *Nebraska* arrived today in 24 days from Cadiz, where she left the steamship Kearsarge in Dry Dock. The gunboat Commander Barron, was at Algeciras, and had passed the Straits from her station off Tangier, in the Sweet. This vessel was up for another of Gibraltar, and has been with the Kearsarge ever since. The Nebraska saw nothing of the pirate *Alabama*.

The officers of the Nebraska are:

DAVID P. UPSHUR, Acting Volunteer Lieutenant Commanding; Jas. P. Goodmanson, Acting Master; E. F. Camp, Jr., Assistant Paymaster; John Spence, Acting Assistant Surgeon; Chas. Pierce, Paymaster's Clerk; Walter Wilson, Walter Sampson, and F. P. Hines, Acting Master's Mates.

Lumber

At wholesale and retail, by

SMITH & WILSON, 1st-av., corner 38th-st.

Never Neglect a Cough, especially when you can, without difficulty, procure a bottle of Dr. Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry, which has for many years proved the most efficacious remedy for Coughs, Colds and incipient Consumption. It is pleasant, safe and certain. Prepared by S. W. FOWLE & CO., Boston, and sold everywhere by druggists and dealers.

The Palmer Arm and Leg.—S. PARKS, Patentee and inventor, and James Pond, General Agent, 1—Nos. 2 and 4 Ann-st., New-York (formerly Nos. 7 and 9 Ann-st.) Also inventor of Parks & Co. Avoirdupois by taking of the inventor.

Turkish.—MARSH & CO.'S Patent Cure Truss, Office No. 2 Vesey-st., (under Astor House) opposite the church. No Vesey-st. Also Patent Shoulder Brace. Sole Office of same name. A female attends ladies.

Electric Psychology.—MESSRS. SULLIVAN AND FISKE will give their next Lecture and Experiments in Odeon Hall, on TUESDAY EVENING, Jan. 17, and WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Mortgage Gold Pens.—Tried to wear the longest and most rough of any pens. Every one warranted. Also, Gold Pens. Call at Inventor's Office for circular, with testimonials, of all sizes and styles.

DIED.

ARCHER.—In Flushing, Long Island, on Friday, Jan. 13, after a long illness, Annie Archer, of Boston.

GERRY.—In this City, on Saturday, Jan. 14, Mary Gerry, wife of Hugh Gerry, aged 35 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from her residence, No. 60 Oak-st., on Monday, at 1 o'clock.

HALL.—On Thursday, Jan. 12, Mary Hall, aged 70 years.

The funeral services will take place on Sunday, Jan. 15, at 2 o'clock P. M., at the Church of Rev. Mr. Hammond, in Gloucester-st., between Delancey and Rivington. All friends and relatives are invited to attend, without further notice.

HUGHES.—In Brooklyn, on Saturday morning, Jan. 14, Mr

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE FLORIDA EXPEDITION COMMITTEE.

The Special Representation to General Gillmore.

Correspondence.

The Florida Council Committee who went to Washington last Wednesday to present the body of Lieut. Colonel Lay, of the Fifty-second Regiment New-York Volunteers, who was killed at Gardiner's Island, to prevent a duel, or worse, in the Shakspeare Regiment, and to present a sword, by Brig.-Gen. Hannah Cummings, returned from their mission yesterday. They went first to Washington, with the intention of going down the Potomac, but the design was frustrated, owing to the refusal to grant any passes to Gen. Hunter's army, which was encamped at point Lookout. The Secretary of War took charge of the Council on the Shakspeare Regiment to the Committee on Military Affairs in Congress, or give orders for their further assistance.

The Committee then proceeded to Norfolk, Va., and Portsmouth and Fortress Monroe. At the latter place they were furnished with much consideration by Gen. Wool, the commander of the post, Capt. James Adams, the commander of the post, Capt. James Whitehorne, who is the Captain of the port, and other gentlemen, not forgetting Assistant Engineer Barling, and his New-York Fire Department, who was charge of the fire engine there. The boat that conveyed the party to Norfolk was the City of Hudson, Capt. S. B. Mulford. She was gaily dressed with flags for the occasion, the Irish flag holding a prominent position. At Norfolk the Committee were received at the depot by Gen. Commander and the members of his Staff, who from the time of their arrival till their departure from the place on last Wednesday, they were treated with the most kind and courteous attention by the General and his officers.

The presentation of the sword took place on last Monday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, at the brigade review, the brigade being formed in line to receive Major-General Lee, who was accompanied by the entire staff and his officers, and Mayor Lucien Wood, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the presentation in a brief and neat speech, made and Gen. Cummings responded with much feeling. He regretted the testimonial with an especial degree of favor, because it came from the city where he first planted foot on leaving in this country, and concluded it as he had whispered the great ovation in New-York—as a mark of respect to the Irish portion of the United States, who, while burning with devotion to the country and flag of their adoption, The other gifts, a horse and the rebels in Florida, had made him for a while the respected enemy of the loyal Irish Americans, the rebels were trying to prove that with contempt as a rebel was the royal Highness of the North, who in turn spoke to do fair high honor. He did that, however, only what he was endeavoring now to do—his duty. If was his duty then to drive Irish and all Northerners out of the Union. He was ready to do his duty now, was all of the same of his regiment. Enthusiastic cheers and the Irish Brigade, which was then and to the patriot Irish of the Northern States, as much for them as to himself, that he thanked it with thanks to the generous people of the city of New-York.

At the conclusion of the General's remarks loud cheers were repeated from the ranks. The sword with its elegant belt and a rich sash, and a beautifully engraved scabbard, and the appropriate speeches of the presentation were listened with a great deal of interest by the large circle of bystanders. "The boys want to see the sword," the General said, "the boys want to see the sword." The General "the boys want to see the sword." The General then mounted his horse, Brigade Chaplain, picked on the sword on the General, when he mounted the saddle, and the cavalcade of the staff, accompanied by his Staff. As he passed down he was welcomed with a roar of cheers. The varying caps of the men, the military banners of the officers, the shifting colors, the glitter of drums and the playing of the bands, and the cold sense of this time peculiarly exciting and realistic.

The work of the committee being now finished as far as practicable they desired to return home, but wished this there for a day in order to pay their respects to Maj.-Gen. Pope, who invited them to a formal reception at his Headquarters on Tuesday morning. Maj.-Gen. Pope, it should be mentioned, had shown with Gen. Cummings and the committee on Monday. The reception the next day proved of very pleasantly, and on the day after the visiting party departed for New-York. During the stay of Buffalo a good deal of time was spent in visiting of the camps and the Irish Brigade, and the Irish Brigade, and the Irish Brigade,

China	Jan. 21	New-York	Liverpool	
Kangaroo	Jan. 21	New-York	Kingston	
Arabia	Jan. 24	Boston	Liverpool	
Africa	Feb. 7	New-York	Southampton	
Canada	Feb. 7	Boston	Liverpool	
Saxonia	Feb. 12	New-York	Southampton	
Alps	Feb. 14	New-York	Liverpool	
Europa	Feb. 21	New-York	Southampton	
Asia	Feb. 21	New-York	Liverpool	
Canada	Mar. 7	Boston	Liverpool	
FROM BOSTON.				
Damascus	Jan. 24	Southampton	New-York	
Saxonia	Jan. 24	Liverpool	New-York	
Saxonia	Jan. 31	Southampton	New-York	
North American	Jan. 10	Liverpool	Portland	
Australasian	Jan. 17	Liverpool	New-York	
City of Manchester	Jan. 21	Liverpool	New-York	
Hansa	Jan. 31	Southampton	New-York	
Persia	Jan. 24	Liverpool	Boston	
Cunaxa	Jan. 28	Southampton	New-York	
Etna	Jan. 31	Liverpool	New-York	
Asia	Jan. 31	Liverpool	New-York	
Rhenania	Feb. 11	Southampton	New-York	
Cambria	Feb. 21	Southampton	New-York	
Borussia	Mar. 11	Southampton	New-York	

Steamers for the Southern Coast.

For New-Orleans.—Steamer Star in the Blue.....Jan. 31.

Departure of Domestic Mails.

North Mails close at ..... 5 A. M. and 2:30 P. M.
South Mails close at ..... 9 A. M. & 2:30 and 3:30 P. M.
Western Mails (via Erie Railroad) ..... 8 A. M. and 2:30 P. M.
Eastern Mails at 8 A. M., 1:45 P. M., 4 P. M. and 6:30 P. M.
Mails for California, Oregon, Washington and the Sandwich Islands close daily at the New-York Post-office at 5½ A. M. and 2½ P. M.
On Sundays all Mails close at 1:30 P. M.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

CORPORATION NOTICE.—PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of all houses and lots, improved or unimproved lands, affected thereby, that the following assessments have been completed and are lodged in the office of the Board of Assessors for examination by all persons interested, viz.: For regulating and grading, curb, gutter and flagging 129 Hundred and Seventieth-street, between Third and Fourth avenues. Paving with trap-block Fifteenth-street, between First and Second avenues. For sewer in Thirty-second from Hudson to Greenwich-street. Also a supplementary assessment to include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land, situated on both sides of One Hundred and Seventeenth-street, between Third and Fourth avenues; east side of Fourth-avenue, half way between One Hundred and Eighteenth and One Hundred and Twenty-second streets; also a supplementary assessment to include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land, situated on both sides of One Hundred and Seventeenth-street, between Third and Fourth avenues; east side of Fourth-avenue, half way between One Hundred and Eighteenth and One Hundred and Twenty-second streets. Also, for sewer in Twenty-third-street, between Hudson and Greenwich streets, and west side of Hudson-street, between Vesey and Laight streets.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections in writing, to one of the undersigned, at their office, No. 31 Chambers-street, basement New Court-house, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

CHAS. McNEILL,
JACOB F. OAKLEY,
WM. A. DOOLEY, } Board of Assessors.
OFFICE BOARD OF ASSESSORS,
NEW COURT-HOUSE, Jan. 24, 1863.

CORPORATION NOTICE.—PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants, of all houses and lots, improved or unimproved lands, affected thereby, that the following assessments have been completed and are lodged in the office of the Board of Assessors, for examination by all persons interested, viz.: Sewer in Downing-street, from the sewer in Bedford-street to within sixty feet of Bleecker-street; sewer in Bethune-street, from the west line of West-street to the east line of Washington-street, and for the construction and alteration of receiving basins and culverts on West-street, from Hammond to Gansevoort-street; and paving West-street, from Liberty-street to and through Cortlandt-street to Greenwich-street. The limits embraced by said assessment include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land, situated on both sides of Downing-street, between Bleecker and Bedford streets, both sides of West-street, west side of Washington, from a point one hundred and four feet south of Hammond-street to Little Twelfth-street, both sides of Bethune, Bedford, West Fourth, Jane, Horatio and Gansevoort streets; front Washington to West-street, and both sides of Gansevoort-street, from West-street to a point one hundred and twenty-five feet west; both sides of Cortlandt-street, between Greenwich and West streets, and both sides of West-street, between Liberty and the north side of Cortlandt-street.

All persons interested in the above-named assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections in writing, to one of the undersigned, at their office, No. 31 Chambers-street, basement New Court-house, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

CHAS. McNEILL,
JACOB F. OAKLEY,
WM. A. DOOLEY, } Board of Assessors.
OFFICE, BOARD OF ASSESSORS,
NEW COURT-HOUSE, Jan. 15, 1863.

THE COMMITTEE ON SEWERS OF THE Board of Aldermen will meet every WEDNESDAY at 2 o'clock P. M., in Room No. 8, City Hall. Parties interested in any matter before the Committee will have an opportunity of being heard.

ISAAC FARLEY,
IRA A. ALLEN,
W. A. JEREMIAH,
Committee on Sewers.

THE COMMITTEE ON FIRE DEPARTMENT of the Board of Aldermen will meet every SATURDAY, at 3 o'clock, in the City Hall Room, to-day.

ALEX. FREAR,
IRA A. ALLEN,
WILLIAM WALSH,
Committee on Fire Department.

PROPOSALS.

ARMY SUPPLIES.

OFFICE OF ARMY CLOTHING AND EQUIPAGE, No. 529 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 21, 1863.

Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 12 o'clock noon, on THURSDAY, the 29th inst., for furnishing by contract on the depot of Army Clothing and Equipage, 22 New-York City—

50,000 pair pure wool Army stockings, to weigh three pounds to the dozen.
20,000 knit shirts.
100,000 yards white cotton and wool flannel, to weigh 4 ounces per yard.
50,000 white cotton and wool flannel shirts.

Proposals for any of the articles in the list named, may be made for any number equal to the standard samples, which may be seen at this office.

Bidders will state how many of each article they wish to furnish, and the shortest time in which they can make the delivery.

Bids will also be received at the same time for manufacturing shirts from materials to be furnished by the United States.

Proposals must be accompanied by a proper guaranty for the faithful execution of a contract.

The United States reserves the right to reject any part or the whole of the bids, as may be deemed for the interests of the service.

Preference will be tendered, "Proposals for Furnishing Stockings," "Knit Shirts, Flannel or Shirts, or Manufacturing Shirts, as the case may be, and addressed to

Lieut.-Col. D. H. VINTON,
Dep. Quartermaster-Gen. U. S. Army.

OFFICE OF THE STREET COMMISSIONER, No. 39 PARK-ROW, TIMES BUILDING, NEW-YORK.

TO CONTRACTORS.—PROPOSALS INCLOSED in a sealed envelope, indorsed with the title of the work, and with the name of the bidder written thereon, will be received at this office until 12½ P. M. of WEDNESDAY, Feb. 4, 1863, for each of the following works, viz.:

A new Fire Alarm Bell for the Fifty-first-street Bell Tower;

A new Fire Alarm Bell for Union Market.

Proposals must be directed to the Street Commissioner, who reserves the right to reject all the estimates offered, if he deems it for the interest of the Corporation.

Bidders are required to write out the amount of their bids, in addition to inserting the same in figures.

Blank forms of proposals, together with the specifications and agreements, can be obtained at this office.

Dated Street Department, Jan. 23, 1863.

CHARLES G. CORNELL,
Street Commissioner.

LEGAL NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.

In the matter of the application of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, in the name and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, relative to the acquisition of lands for a

PUBLIC PARK OR PLACE,

Between the southerly side of One Hundred and Sixth-street and One Hundred and Tenth-street and the Fifth and Eighth avenues,

IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above entitled matter, hereby give notice to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of all houses and lots, and improved or unimproved lands affected thereby, and to all others whom it may concern, as follows:

First.—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons whose interests are affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to Lorenzo Delmonico, Esq., our Chairman, at the Office of the Commissioners, No. 6 Wall-street, in the City, on or before the 23d day of February, 1863.

Second.—That the Abstract of the said Estimate and Assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates, and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the Street Commissioner's Office of the City and County of New-York, there to remain until the 21st day of March, 1863.

Third.—That the limits embraced by the Assessment aforesaid are as follows, to wit:

Bounded on the North by the southerly line of one hundred and twenty-fifth-street; on the East by a line running southerly and southerly between and equally distant from the second and third Avenues; on the South by the northerly line of Ninety-sixth-street; and on the West by a line running northerly and southerly between and equally distant from the Tenth and Eleventh Avenues.

Including therein the lands embraced within the following description: "Between the southerly side of one hundred and sixth-street and one hundred and tenth-street and the fifth and eighth Avenues."

Fourth.—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New-York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held at the City Hall in the said City, on Tuesday, the 31st day of March, 1863, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or at some time thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

LUTHER BRADISH,
MICHAEL ULSHOEFFER,
SAMUEL B. RUGGLES,
Commissioners.

New-York, Jan. 23, 1863.

HIGH PIG-IRON—"POCO" BRAND—MANUFACTURED by the Carbon Iron Company of Pennsylvania. For sale by THEO. STURGES, Agent for the Company, No. 110 Wall-st.

NEW-YORK BONDS WANTED.

Most of the firm of JAMES G. KING'SONS, Collectors of Customs, Author of Reports for the year, STOCKS, BONDS AND GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

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NO. 59 WALL-ST.
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1861 6 per cent. Bonds.
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Demand Notes for dollars.

AND
AMERICAN GOLD,
BY
LIVERMORE, CLEWS & CO.,
BANKERS,
No. 34 Wall-st.
Stocks and Bonds bought and sold on Commission.

UNITED STATES TRUST COMPANY OF NEW-YORK, No. 45 WALL, CORNER OF WILLIAM-ST., Jan. 5, 1863.

TO HOLDERS OF JEFFERSONVILLE RAILROAD FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS.—Public notice is hereby given, in accordance with the terms of an agreement between the Jeffersonville Railroad Company and the holders of its First Mortgage Bonds, dated April 1, 1861, that the United States Trust Company of New-York will, upon presentation at their office, No. 45 Wall-st., redeem, at par and accrued interest, fifteen of said Jeffersonville Railroad Company's First Mortgage Bonds, numbered from 106 to 120 inclusive; and that from and after the 5th day of February, 1863, interest on said bonds will cease by the terms of said agreement.

JOHN A. STEWART, Secretary.

ST. LOUIS, ALTON AND TERRE HAUTE R. R. CO., No. 15 Wall-st., New-York, Jan. 23, 1863.

THIS COMPANY WILL PAY, IN ANTICIPATION, the coupons of the Second Mortgage Preferred Bonds, (Class B,) and the Second Mortgage Income Bonds, maturing on the 1st day of May next, on and after the 1st day of February next, at the Bank of North America, less the interest at 6 per cent. from time of payment to the said 1st of May. By order,

G. BUTLER, Chairman of Executive Com.

BANK DEPARTMENT, ALBANY, Jan. 21, 1863.

THE CAYUGA COUNTY BANK—A BANKING Association, Auburn, N. Y.—has this day filed in this office a notice of the appointment of THE NEW-YORK STATE BANK, in the City of Albany, as agent for the redemption of its circulating notes, agreeable to the act entitled "An act to amend the several acts relating to incorporated Banks, Banking Associations and Individual Bankers," passed April 17, 1861.

HENRY H. VAN DYCK, Superintendent.

IRVING BANK—NEW-YORK, JAN. 19, 1863.—The annual election for Directors of the Bank, and for three Inspectors of the next election, will be held at the Bank on MONDAY, the 26 day of February. The polls will be open from 12 M. to 1 P. M. By order,

DANIEL V. B. BRETHOLT, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE JEFFERSON INSURANCE CO., No. 60 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 21, 1863.

ELECTION.—THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Directors of this Company will be held at their office on MONDAY, Feb. 2, 1863.

Polls open from 1 to 2 o'clock P. M.

SAMUEL E. BELCHER, Secretary.

OFFICE LORILLARD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 104 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Company will be held at their office on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 4. Polls open from 12 to 1 o'clock P. M.

JOHN C. MILLS, Secretary.

BROOKLYN CENTRAL AND JAMAICA Railroad Company Bonds.—The New-York Bonds will be redeemed at 102 per cent., and accrued interest, on presentation at the office of A. G. JEROME & CO., No. 30 Exchange-place.

MONEY TO LOAN—AT SIX PER CENT., IN sums of from $5,000 to $10,000, on improved property in New-York or Brooklyn, or at 7 per cent. on farming property; also smaller amounts at 7 per cent. No brokers' commission. Apply to AMERST WIGHT, Attorney-at-Law, No. 120 Broadway, Room 27, New-York.

SHINPLASTERS.—CORPORATION NOTES OF all denominations bought at a small discount. By E. S. CHAPIN, No. 197 Greenwich-st., under the Ocean Bank.

GAS LIGHT STOCKS IN ALL INCORPORATED CITY COMPANIES—Bought and sold for investment. JOHN B. MURRAY, No. 39 Nassau-st., corner Liberty-st.

DIVIDENDS

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD CO., NEW-YORK, Jan. 16, 1863.

DIVIDEND.—RESOLVED, THAT THE TREASURER be directed to announce that a Dividend of Two per Cent. be paid on the full paid and scrip shares and Canceled Bonds Scrip of this Company on the 2d day of February next, free of Government tax; that the same be paid on all shares on which the calls shall have been duly paid, and that this payment on the full paid shares shall be in anticipation of the coupon of Two per Cent. due on said shares under the Deed of Trust, payable 1st July next.

Resolved, That the transfer books of this Company be closed on the 21d inst., and be reopened on the 2d day of February.

By order of the Board,
THOMAS E. WALKER, Treasurer.

OFFICE NORWICH AND WORCESTER RAILROAD CO., TREASURER'S OFFICE, NORWICH, CONN., Jan. 14, 1863.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A Dividend of Two and One-Half of One Per Cent. on the Preferred Stock of this Company (free from Government Tax) has been declared, payable on the 20th inst., at the office of the Farmer's Loan and Trust Company, (Transfer Agency,) No. 50 Wall-st., New-York, to stockholders whose names are registered on the books of the Company on the 10th inst., at said Transfer Agency.

The transfer books will be closed on the 10th inst., and reopened on the 20th inst.

G. L. PERKINS, Treasurer.

CLEVELAND, COLUMBUS AND CINCINNATI RAILROAD COMPANY, CLEVELAND, OHIO, Jan. 12, 1863.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of this Company have declared a Dividend of Five per cent., and an Extra Dividend of Five per cent., both free of Government tax, payable on the 2d of February, six months ending Dec. 31, 1862, both payable on and after MONDAY, the 2d of February next.

Stockholders registered on the New-York books will be paid at the office of the United States Trust Company.

The transfer books will close on the evening of the 21st inst., and reopen on the 3d of February.

GEO. H. RUSSELL, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE ERIE RAILWAY COMPANY, No. 187 WEST-ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 22, 1863.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF this Company have declared a Dividend of Five per Cent., free of Government tax, on the Preferred Capital Stock, out of the earnings of the year ending 31st December, 1862, payable at the Treasurer's Office, Erie-place, on the 17th day of February next, to those parties in whose names the stock is registered at the closing of the Books.

The transfer books of the Preferred Stock will close at 3 o'clock on Monday, the 2d, and open on the 17th of February. By order of the Board,

HORATIO N. OTIS, Secretary.

MILWAUKIE AND PRAIRIE DU CHIEN RAILWAY COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 25 WILLIAM-ST., (Room No. 6, 2d floor,)—NEW-YORK, Jan. 22, 1863.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared an interest dividend of Eight Per Cent. on the first-class preferred, and of Seven Per Cent. on the second-class preferred Stocks of the Company, payable (less the Government tax) on and after Feb. 2, at this office. The transfer books for all classes of Stock, will be reopened Monday, Feb. 2, 1863.

CHAS. F. WILLIAMS, Transfer Agent.

SAVINGS BANKS

MARINERS' SAVINGS BANK,
No. 1 Bowery, corner 7th-st.
Open from 9 to 3 o'clock daily,
and Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings, from 6 to 8 o'clock.
THOS. B. STILLMAN, President.
ISAAC T. SMITH, Secretary.

BROADWAY SAVINGS INSTITUTION, No. 337 Broadway, entrance on Park-place, New-York, Jan. 14, 1863.—INTEREST NOTICE.—Depositors are hereby notified that a semi-annual interest on deposits entitled thereto, at the rate of Six per Cent. per annum on sums not exceeding $500, and Five per Cent. over $500, will be paid on and after MONDAY, 19th January. Interest placed to the credit of depositors, and, if not withdrawn, will draw interest the same as a deposit from 1st January. Bank open daily from 10 to 3 o'clock.

FRANCIS P. SCHOALS, President.
WADE R. WORRALL, Secretary.
PETER CUMMING, Accountant.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES.

DISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERSHIP.—Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the firm of LIGHTE & BRADBURYS to present the same for payment at the office of said firm, at No. 421 Broome-st., in the City of New-York, on or before the 31st day of January, instant, as said firm will be dissolved on that day, of which dissolution notice is hereby given.

LIGHTE & BRADBURYS.

Dated New-York, Jan. 20, 1863.

NOTICE.—THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between JOHN W. MERSEREAU and WILLIAM HAWTHORN, under the name of J. W. MERSEREAU & CO., is this day dissolved.

The undersigned will continue the business, and is alone authorized to collect the debts due the firm and settle the business. JOHN W. MERSEREAU.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 23, 1863.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing under the name of W. M. YOUNG & CO., is dissolved by its own limitation. The business will be settled by the undersigned, who have formed a copartnership for the purpose of continuing the Wholesale Clothing business under the same style of firm.

W. M. YOUNG,
JOHN B. SIEGRIST,
EZRA Y. COMSTOCK.

NEW-YORK, Jan 1, 1863.

COPARTNERSHIP.—TO PHYSICIANS.—HALF interest in a respectable specialty practice, of such an income, that the partner investing capital of $2,000 will be guaranteed an income in the first year. Address, with real name, D. M., Station D, Post-office.

DENTISTRY

B. L. WAIT (LATE OF WAIT & SON) HAS opened an office at No. 36 4th-av., near 11th-st., where he continues to extract teeth under the new chemically purified chloroform with perfect success, without pain or danger. Beautiful sets of teeth from $6 to $10. Fillings 50 cents. Extraction 25 cents.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE.

BLAST FURNACE PROPERTY FOR SALE.—Situated on Ocean Spring, Oswego County, N. Y., 1 mile from the Oswego River, Oswego and Syracuse Railroad, and 1 mile from the Ohio Canal. It will be sold entirely or in connection with the seven adjacent lands, forming the entire manufacturing village, or in lots to suit purchasers. Parties desiring to purchase, will address the undersigned, at Oswego, N. Y. GEORGE B. DEARBORN, P. Canal Commissioner, Albany, N. Y. Oswego, Jan. 20, 1863. Also, to rent, the Water Power, Dam, Flume and Canal, Fourteen Feet Fall, on the Ohio Canal. Also,

FROM THE REBEL STATES.

Tone of the Richmond Papers.

Enthusiasm of Our New United States Senators.

Reports of Recent Engagements.

The Wild Tennessee Unionists Still Troublesome.

The Movements of the New-York Market Felt in Richmond.

We make additional extracts from the full files of Richmond papers, the receipt of which we have already acknowledged:

SPIRIT OF THE RICHMOND PRESS.

CONSERVATISM IN ILLINOIS.

The Richmond *Dispatch* discusses this topic with evident satisfaction and complacency. The election of Mr. RICHARDSON as United States Senator on the anti-war platform previously adopted by the Illinois Legislature, will, it thinks, have the effect of compelling Mr. LINCOLN "to suspend his jokes longer than they have been at any time since he has been in Washington." The *Dispatch* proceeds:

"Illinois is a powerful State of the great Northwest, whose *real interests are just as hostile to Puritan New-England as are our own*. That she should take this decided stand against the abolitionism, the fanaticism and malignity of New-England, is a sign of the times at the North full of significance. It cannot but be regarded as the outgiving of the impatience of the Puritan rule that must ultimately terminate in a more formidable resistance to it and separation from the destructive portion of the Union which has been the source of all the troubles amongst the States, as it has been of all the new schools of philosophy and religion which have so fearfully demoralized society at the North.

"It is true that the men who are making this bold movement in Illinois, and MR. RICHARDSON at their head, stubbornly persevere in the idea of that impossibility—the restoration of the old Union. They could do nothing less than this. But they propose, with this *motive*, a *location of hostilities*. It can hardly be doubted that the ostensible dissolution of the war must be its permanent denouement. It cannot be renewed—at least by the present parties to it.

"These conservatives can do no less than praise the old Union, and pray for its restoration; but we doubt whether they dream of a renewal of this war, even if the overtures for the restoration of the Union fail. It is a political sequence of the dissolution that has already taken place that there shall be another dissolution—that the Northwest shall split off from the Northeast.

"*We are satisfied that there has been among Northwestern men a growing hate for New-England, and a growing respect, at least, for the Southern States. The generous exhibition of our disposition for a fair and liberal arrangement with the inhabitants of the Upper Mississippi, and for commercial intercourse, deprives them of the only real apprehension of injury from the dissolution of the Union which disturbed them.* To fight hopelessly for a restoration of the Union, when they can enjoy all the commercial advantages they ever had without it, is a folly in which their eyes must be gradually opening. On the one hand these benefits are proffered by the South; on the other they behold endless taxation to maintain the wasteful Lincoln despotism in an unsuccessful war, and the disgusting and arrogant rule of Puritanism while they remain tributary to the opulence of the maritime power and grandeur of these Eastern States and cities in which they cannot share. Three years of unavailing war, with all its extravagance and terrors, ought to suggest to them this train of reflection, and we shall be disappointed if a brief time does not prove as much. Indeed, we need not look to the Upper Mississippi alone for the signs to this effect. *The Philippics and the Abolition Presses of New-England have already become the accusers of the Northwest. Their own winds have led them to apprehend a secession of the Northwest, and they have transformed their own speculations into open accusation of that section, insinuating it is traitor. They are right; speculations are just, and so, no doubt, are their accusations.*

"*These signs are agreeable, of course, to the people of the South*, but it would be in the last degree unfortunate for us if, relying upon them or any other extraneous indication, we relaxed in the least our own zeal, our own energies, and neglected means of self-protection from the hordes which the beauty and spacious power of the North is now pouring on the Southern Confederacy. The only means of securing our own independence is the sure one of increasing the discord among our enemies, and rendering certain the breaking up of the Federal Union. This event is necessary to the just completion of that horrid drama now being enacted, by the punishment, the isolation in misery, of that race of men whose villainies have conjured up all the national woes which now fill this continent."

"NORTHERN SENATORS."

The Richmond *Whig* also has its say on this fruitful topic. It remarks:

"In the Northern States, where the Democrats have succeeded, they seem disposed to elect to the Senate the persons most bitter and inflamed against the Lincoln party. In Illinois, RICHARDSON has been chosen, who acquired all the distinction he possesses by his long and consistent opposition to Black Republicanism. In New-Jersey, WALL has been named for the office, because he has been in a Seward prison, and can bear personal testimony to the regard of the Lincoln Administration for the liberty of the citizen. In Pennsylvania, a Mr. BUCKALEW has been elected. Of his antecedents, we know nothing; but his beating CAMERON is a first-rate letter of recommendation. In New-York, FERNANDO WOOD, and in Indiana, JESSE D. BRIGHT, lately expelled from the Senate, are mentioned as the most likely to be succeeded. *With such senatorials as these, Lincoln will find some difficulty in running the machine.*"

"EUROPE AND THE CONFEDERATE STATES."

From the Richmond Dispatch, Jan. 20.

The present war has only afforded additional incentives to the solicitude of the British Government *for the destruction of both the United and Confederate States.* Not only a commercial and manufacturing rival—not only a country on which she was dependent for cotton, is to be removed from her path, but, as the war has shown, one of the most formidable military powers of the earth. Taking into view the tremendous armies and desperate valor with which both North and South have conducted this contest, the reflection naturally occurs to England, what would they be united? What would become of Canada, and every other British possession on this continent? What would become of England herself, if, in a future contest with France or Russia, such a power as America should side against her? No wonder, then, that she plotted for thirty years the dissolution, through Abolition agitation, of the old American Union; and that, this object being accomplished, she intends to preserve just such a Mediatory as will give both combatants a fair chance to worry and destroy each other. If she believed the subjugation of the South possible, she never would have afforded any degree of encouragement to the Southern cause; but she has long ago been satisfied that such a thing was impossible, and has endeavored to ride both sides the saddle, giving aid and comfort through her Government to the North, and through her Press to the South—now cheering one section, and now pelting the other—and seemingly anxious that each might rend and destroy the other. *The only consolation is, that she has now thoroughly lost the confidence of both belligerents*, and whilst President DAVIS, in mild and manly terms, sets forth that fact in his message to Congress, the Washington *Republic*, the semi-official organ of LINCOLN, declares that the United States would accept mediation sooner from any other European Power than what it designates, in the language of Frenchmen, "Perfidious Albion."

We hope never to see the slightest importance attached hereafter to any expression of sentiment in Great Britain upon American affairs. The only voice that has been raised officially in Europe in behalf of suffering humanity in this contest, is that of the great Empire of the French. *We hope the day is not far distant when the Southern Confederacy, its independence recognized by the world, will be able to show its first and only friend that it is not forgetful nor ungrateful.*

THE MESSAGES.

From the Richmond Dispatch.

The people of the Southern Confederacy would be willing that the messages of LINCOLN and President DAVIS should be presented to the world as representatives of the North and the South. They would be willing to abide the decision of civilization upon this trial. We may, indeed, be proud of the contrast. The message of our Chief Magistrate is equal in force and dignity to the times and the occasion. It takes position as compeer with the messages of the Presidents of the revolutionary era, and would be worthy of the noblest fathers of that heroic age. *But what language have we to justice to the miserable document sent by the man now seated in the chair of Washington to the present Federal Congress? It is beneath contempt.* How any man living and breathing for the time in the White House could indite such a paper is a wonder. Why, it would seem that there should have been some influence emanating from the very walls that once surrounded the truly great to have prevented it. But nothing can save LINCOLN. He says himself he "cannot escape history;" he can at little escape his own degradation. He is a mere lackey, and the exposure of his own base and shallow devices. He can hardly be compared to the veiled Prophet; for he has never had a veil. His trickery and his motives have been all so transparent as to be seen by all. The black art and negromancy of his message were gross and bungling, devoid of all the in-

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of South Carolina—[illegible] groes, and that for getting them to work for pay in not compulsion—both are failures. As reported in the Northern papers, the cotton crop is short and of inferior quality, and will not defray the expenses of cultivation. Military discipline is abhorrent to Cuffee's habitudes, and the organization of the First Regiment of South Carolina Volunteers has diffused a general terror among the sable population. The volunteers have to be seized by a press-gang and forced to enlist, and then have to be guarded by as many Yankees to prevent desertion.

It is pitiable to reflect on the sad fate which awaits these poor creatures from the mercenary wretches into whose hands they have fallen. If left to themselves, without forecastle and deprived of their natural and kind protectors, they will speedily lapse into barbarism, or disappear by disease or starvation. But no one who KNOWS Yankee greed for gain, for a moment supposes, they will not attempt to convert them into profit. *The failure to make anything out of them in South Carolina will induce them quickly to send them off to the West Indies or Brazil, and turn them into gold. Statements have already been published to the effect that this traffic has already been opened.* They will be the more encouraged to this course by the fact that every negro taken from the South will increase the demand and enhance the value of those which, after the close of the war, they expect to furnish the South with direct from Africa.

OPERATIONS IN EAST TENNESSEE.

HUMPHREY MARSHALL IN DISGRACE.

Correspondence of the Lynchburgh Republican.

The raid into East Tennessee has proved successful, the bridges have been burnt, our cause has been damaged, and the enemy has escaped unmolested.

About 5 o'clock on the evening of the 31 of Jan., Gen. HUMPHREY MARSHALL, with a large force of cavalry, attacked the rear-guard of the enemy under Gen. CARTER, in the little town of Jonesville, Lee County, Va. Firing continued about five minutes—the enemy retired a mile or two from town, drew up in line of battle, and awaited the approach of the Confederate officer, who, he it said with shame, satisfied with the honor of holding "the city," struck his camps for the night, gave up the chase, and consoled himself by venting his spleen on the patriotic citizens!

Leading from Jonesville to Crank's Gap, through which the enemy passed, are two roads—the enemy took one, the question naturally asked by all is, why did not Gen. MARSHALL take the other, and cut off their retreat? Did he arrive too late? Not so. For to my own knowledge the advance guard of the enemy were not distant two miles from Jonesville as late as 5 o'clock in the night—an hour after the firing first commenced. But, strange to say, this General, whose mind and body were completely wearied from over exhaustion and want of sleep, (I cannot imagine what else could have made him so stupid—for he is a very temperate man,) had not the least information as late as 8 o'clock in the night, of the enemy's having drawn up in line of battle beyond the town, and was actually surprised to learn that they had left their position so late. Tired and worn out as they were, having had but little sleep, and not a mouthful to eat for forty-eight hours, thus threw down the gage of battle, and HUMPHREY MARSHALL, indifferent and unconcerned, indeed, ignorant of the fact, lay there in the town as though he were the conqueror of a hundred provinces, and the hero of a hundred battle fields.

A Confederate General pursuing an enemy at the rate of fourteen miles in nine hours surely entitles him to be classed among those bold and daring officers who have won so many laurels in our service! Both commands at the same distance from Jonesville, and the enemy held in check by small squads of citizens and soldiers, this hero of Pound Gap marches along "in calm contemplation and poetic ease," like one who has just enjoyed the luxury of a good meal, and anticipates a better when he gets to his journey's end. Neither the enthusiasm of his soldiers, nor the entreaties of his officers could induce him to march more rapidly. Slowly and leisurely he plods on at the rate of two miles an hour. Magnificent marching! At this rate, let the enemy calculate how many bridges they could burn, how much of the railroad they could destroy, and how long they could remain in East Tennessee, and make their escape without being molested.

But, for all this, we might forgive Gen. MARSHALL, had he only pursued and fought the enemy when he reached Jonesville. However, he is a very humane and moral man, and dislikes very much to see anybody hurt. How could his generous heart, so full of love and compassion, bear to see his soldiers butcher (terrible word) those who have come among us to violate the security of our homes, and trample under foot our most sacred rights.

All honor to the gallant officers and men under his command—worthy of a better leader—eager to pursue the worn-out enemy, and chastise him for his temerity, not permitting the Rebels, but the brave of Jonesville! Shame upon the author of all—will [illegible] and fight himself, or see others do it.

A SKIRMISH.

From the Richmond Enquirer, Jan. 29.

Capt. THOMAS BUTLER has been the hero of quite a gallant little achievement, on the edge of Scott County, Tenn. It appeared that at the New River settlement there had recently been stationed two companies of Federal soldiers, under command of Capt. NEAL DONNEY, a Tennessee renegade, from Anderson County. Capt. BUTLER, on learning of their presence, at the head of thirty men, started in search of them. On reaching the spot where the enemies were encamped, Capt. B. demanded the surrender of the whole party, which was responded to by a volley from ten or fifteen muskets. One ball grazed the Captain's lip, and trimmed his moustache in the most approved style of the tonsorial art. A brisk skirmish ensued, in which six of the Abolitionists were killed, a number wounded and several captured. The remainder took to the woods.

The fruits of this little skirmish were the capture of some fifteen or twenty horses, a like number of Belgian rifles, two or three thousand pounds of bacon, and a like amount of flour, besides the capture of a Captain and eight or ten men.

THE YANKEES IN MONTGOMERY.

From the Montgomery (Ala.) Advertiser.

The question was quite seriously mooted yesterday and the day before whether the Yankees or the Confederates were in possession of the Capital city of Alabama. Those who argued that the enemy held the city pointed to the blue coats, which were to be seen in profusion in the market, in the stores, about the hotels, and on the streets, as an argument in their favor. If they were not masters of the city, but prisoners, as some contended, what reasonable excuse could be offered for their being allowed to roam through the town without a guard? They evidently had the best of the argument; still, there were those who could not believe Montgomery had been tamely surrendered. On application to the Yankees themselves for information it was found that they claimed to be prisoners, taken near Murfreesboro, and paroled. Some of them said they were desirous of leaving here as soon as possible, in order to go home to their families; others were not yet satisfied with the success of the efforts to subjugate the South, and wished to get another opportunity to murder Southern men; while others still professed themselves so much enamored of the "Sunny South," that they would be willing to remain, in case they could obtain employment as mechanics at the rate of five or six dollars per day. All of them seemed to enjoy their liberty immensely, and doubtless thought the Southern Confederacy was not such a terrible monster after all. Seriously, however, the practice of allowing Yankee prisoners to perambulate the streets of our cities and towns, except when necessary for their transit from one railroad depôt or steamboat landing to another, either with or without a guard, is disgraceful. Their presence is an offence to the wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of the men whom these wretches came South to murder, and their eyes should not be pained with the spectacle where it is possible to be avoided. The Yankees taken in arms against us should be treated humanely. A brave and generous people will treat their prisoners in no other way. They should be held as prisoners, however, be closely guarded, and allowed no opportunities for mingling promiscuously with the people, or of effecting their escape. Unless this is done we may look for abolition emissaries throughout the South, incendiarism, robbery, outbreaks and murders. Will the proper authorities give their attention to this matter?

ALABAMA.

AN APPEAL FROM GOV. SHORTER.

Gov. SHORTER, of Alabama, under date of Dec. 22, issued an appeal to the citizens of that State to comply promptly with the requirements of the conscription act. The document says:

"The State is now threatened from several directions. Our unscrupulous foe has collected all his resources for one stupendous effort to subjugate and enslave us. He can never repeat the effort. He makes it the crisis of his cause. If foiled in this last desperate struggle, exhausted and dispirited he must yield the contest. Our brave people may congratulate themselves upon the opportunity to hasten the achievement of peace and independence, by an exhibition of fortitude and courage necessary to defeat the enemy in this last great and convulsive effort. The ultimate triumph of our glorious cause is now clearer than it has ever been. There is no reason for despondency. Our people will not shrink in this their final trial. The splendid victory at Fredericksburgh will be followed by still more decisive results upon other fields. By repeated shocks the enemy's vastly accumulated power will be broken. At no distant day we shall enjoy, in the blessings of peace and good Government, a reward for all our suffering. Alabama must be true to herself and do her duty in the emergency. She must be ready to meet and quell the domestic and social disturbances which may spring up as the tide of war approaches; to resist hostile raids; to protect her people and their property in any assailed quarter; to give double to every wanderer from the lines of our invading army, and if need be to increase the strength of the Confederate forces fighting upon our soil in its de-

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fense. For this accomplishment the military officers of the State have been ordered to collect their commands, and proceed to the borders, to assist the people in the work of driving the invaders from our soil. Let every man who can shoulder a musket, or wield a sword, be ready to spring to his place in the ranks of the Confederate forces upon the call of the Executive. He will be called into service only when actually required to do it. Their services may never be needed, but it is the part of wisdom and manly courage to be ready. It is the part of folly and cowardice to wait until the enemy's foot is upon our soil, and his muskets gleam in the hands of brutal soldiers at our doors. Shall I call in vain upon Alabamians to prepare to stand and fight upon their own soil in the defense? Alabama has given freely of her sons to our country's cause, but her warlike strength is not yet exhausted. I send to her people my warning, and I leave it for them to decide whether in the hour of trial, which may be before us, they will be ready with as much of the remaining military strength of the State as may be required.

People of Alabama! I must appeal to you for your aid to the Government in another matter. It is due to the great cause in which we are engaged, it is just to those most bravely enduring the trials and perils of actual war, that all within the age prescribed by the act of Congress known as the Conscript law, should be in the service. *A considerable number of persons in every part of the State, both officers and privates, who belong to the army and are fit for duty, are lingering at home on various pretexts, while their more manly and patriotic comrades, with ranks thinned and weakened by their absence, bear the shock of an unequal contest. Besides, a large number of persons subject to conscription are shrinking from the toils and perils which those of like age are bravely enduring, and hiding from the enrolling officer, to which they are required that they should promptly report themselves.* Now when the last great struggle of the war is upon us; now when there is an opportunity to share in the closing triumphs of this great contest; now when our soldiers in the field, standing with fearless resolution amid sufferings and dangers which would appall men less noble and brave, call upon those of like age with themselves for aid and relief; now when every strong right arm is needed to strike the quick and effective blows which are to give us peace, it is a shame and an infamy that these two classes of persons should successfully evade the service they owe to their country. Every community owes it to its own reputation and to the country to give no shelter to those who belong to the two classes above described, and to drive them, by the withering punishment of public scorn, to their proper places. I call upon all the officers, civil and military, of the State, and upon all good and patriotic citizens, to give all their influence, personal or official, to constrain these persons into the path of duty and patriotism; and especially invoke them to give their aid to the proper officers in arresting and coercing those who yield to no gentler means. It may be a disagreeable task, but the evil is great and ruinous to our country's cause, and it is the part of the patriot now to shrink from no task, however disagreeable or dangerous it may be, when the country calls. It is the pride of Alabama that her soldiers never falter upon the battle field. Let us hope that none will be permitted to hide under cover of home from their appropriate duty."

THE SECOND SIEGE OF VICKSBURGH.

The Jackson *Mississippian* gives, from an officer of high position, the following account of the second siege of Vicksburgh:

Our commander acted vigorously on the information he brought, and expecting the landing of the combined forces of the enemy on the Yazoo, every effort possible, to be made with our resources was made to meet them. Ascending the Yazoo, the Yankee fleet of some thirty-four gunboats and rams, and about eighty transports, appeared near the mouth of the Yazoo, in sight of the "City of the Hills." The following day, at 1 o'clock, the gunboats of the enemy had cautiously felt their way to the raft at Snyder's Bluff, about ten miles from the mouth of the Yazoo. There they found a battery, which opened fire, demonstrating them that their further progress would be attended with very "warm reception," a few shells and retired. In the meantime the transports had landed about 8,000 troops on the Louisiana shore, who proceeded down to the railroad, opposite the city, and destroyed the bridges and otherwise rendered the road unavailable, cutting off our communication in that channel with the coal mines of Lake Bistenoint, which were at that time supplying about 8,000 bushels of coal daily to the Confederacy.

Failing to reach any considerable force in their operations, last Tuesday week they landed a large body of troops, estimated at 20,000, on the Yazoo, at the plantations of Mrs. LEE, Capt. JOHNSON, and Col. BLAKE. These forces proceeded through the forest to the hills which extended along its southern border of the swamp from the point at SNYDER's to a distance of two or three miles below Vicksburgh, varying in distance from the Yazoo river from two to five miles, as the meandering of the stream may direct its course. The bluffs are generally quite regular, running from northeast to southwest, presenting a beautiful view of the bottom, which is interspersed with lakes, and the Yankees among them.

Four days in succession the enemy, having advanced to the outskirts of the swamp, kept up a continual fire on our pickets, who, in turn, responded to the compliment, but no damage was done on either side. On Monday last, only four and a half miles above Vicksburgh, and on Monday last it was evident they had thrown a large force near the centre, with a view of breaking it and coming in the rear of Vicksburgh.

When GEN. LEE discovered their supposed intention, he ordered the light artillery to be in readiness, and withdrew the infantry from the advance line of rifle pits to others at the foot of the bluffs. This had the desired effect of drawing out the enemy from the cover of the woods. Most admirably did the Illinois, Missouri, Indiana and Kentucky troops (8,000) advance upon our small force. Our brave troops were admonished to hold their fire until the enemy was in short musket range, but their ardor was such, remembering the insults and sufferings endured in their prisons, that patience seemed no longer a virtue and when within 175 yards the Third and Thirteenth Tennessee directed a deadly fire on the foe. The artillery then shared in the engagement on both sides. The enemy advanced gallantly to within fifty yards of our rifle pits, when the well-directed fire of our artillery became so rapid, in connection with our infantry, that the lines were broken and the enemy began a precipitate retreat for the woods. The pits could contain our infantry no longer, and they rushed upon the enemy, killing and capturing as they advanced, until they were lost in the woods, where the fight ended, our men bringing out prisoners even there. Thus closed the fight at Chickasaw Bayou, at Smith's Bluff, on Monday last, the enemy being completely routed, many prisoners captured, and some 1,200 killed, wounded and missing.

An informal flag of truce was sent by the enemy on Monday evening, and our sharpshooters fired upon the bearers, who were ostensibly upon the field to take off the dead and wounded, but who undertook first to obey an order to secure their artillery and small arms previous to caring for their own sufferers. It was while they were thus engaged in pillaging the field of our rightful inheritance, the spoils of war, that we fired on the vanquished foe. Our humane force then advanced to take care of their wounded, and they were in turn fired upon by their sharpshooters, when they withdrew with the few wounded they had collected. The wounded Yankees brought off by us express the belief that we were justified in firing on them, as they no right to interfere with anything on the field.

The prisoners captured are good specimens of Western troops, and will compare favorably with our own in soldierly qualities. The greater portion are youthful in appearance, and it is to be regretted that those misguided Western men should be sacrificed on the altar of Abolition, at the base of the hills on the Yazoo, in a vain endeavor to take Vicksburgh.

The enemy moved from the Indian Mound on Monday eight to the vicinity of the old race-track, thus extending their lines to the Mississippi, a mile and a half further south. Early Tuesday morning a force appeared in the fallen timber in front of the old race-track, in the bend above the city. Our artillery on the hills above opened on them as the infantry stationed on the flat along the edge on the timber that has been cut down to obstruct their passage. The enemy were, after a couple of hours' skirmishing, forced to retire into the woods. Our ordnance on the hills above favored them with occasional shells all day.

Since Tuesday morning it is evident that from the nightly clamor of axmen, the enemy are bridging lakes and making roads to transport heavy pieces from the Yazoo to this point on the Mississippi, in order, doubtless, to cooperate in a general land and river attack, their right being about a mile and a half above the city on the Mississippi, and their left extending to Snyder's, on the Yazoo.

Should the present rains continue, the attack on our lines will be indefinitely postponed, as it will be impossible for a land force to operate in the Yazoo bottom with artillery when it shall have been saturated with water.

AN AFFAIR OF HONOR.

GEN. J. B. FLOYD ON THE CARPET.

RICHMOND, Jan. 19, 1863.

SIR: I learn through some friends that in the Senate, during the discussion on the Senatorial election, you took occasion to apply to me the most wantonly insulting and opprobrious language. I desire to know if this be true, and if you avow now the sentiments and opinions you there expressed about me.

I am, Sir, respectively, your obedient servant,
JOHN B. FLOYD.

B. B. DOUGLAS, Esq.

RICHMOND, VA., Monday, Jan. 19, 1863.

MAJ. JOHN B. FLOYD—Sir: Your note of this date has just been handed me by Mr. JAMES BLANDON. During "the discussion on the Senatorial election," in which I am reported to have used "the most wanton and insulting language" toward you, I supposed that I was not transcending the limits of fair debate, and am unaware of having employed terms that would bear the construction some have placed on them. I adopted a sarcastic style and manner in reply to similar strains of argument delivered elsewhere. In the ardor and excitement of debate some stronger expressions may have escaped me than were intended, but I did not intend to question either your courage or your honor. I therefore had no de-

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sign of applying to you opprobrious or insulting language. As then, at the time of the discussion, I supposed it, I did not entertain sentiments in regard to yourself that have been expressed recently in the newspapers, and that were supposed to be entertained in my language. I am under the impression that no misunderstanding or misrepresentation can be necessary, and disavowal from the foregoing can be necessary or will be desired by you. I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
B. B. DOUGLAS.

PRISONERS.

From the Richmond Dispatch, Jan. 19.

The following arrivals were booked at Castle Thunder on yesterday. Twenty-five straggling soldiers sent from Camp Holmes, N. C., to be returned to their regiments; J. R. Bailey, Co. D, Forty-sixth Virginia, desertion; W. S. Alexander, First Tennessee, desertion and forgery; Terry Coleman, Eleventh Georgia, drawing money on false paper; Patrick Fagan, Whittington Artillery, desertion; C. D. Lucas and H. M. Sharp, Palmetto Sharpshooters, desertion. On yesterday two desperadoes, named Erastus Gillis, Co. F, Second Vermont (Abolition) Regiment, and Wm. J. McMillan, of the Eleventh Ohio, were brought to Richmond and lodged in Castle Thunder for trial by the civil authorities. These men were recently arrested by the Provost Marshal of Pocahontas County, *They belong to a gang of Union men who have been a terror to the people of the lower end of Pocahontas and upper end of Greenbrier counties, and for months past have been committing every kind of outrage on the persons and property of the people residing in that section of the country. One of their more recent exploits was the destruction of the saltpetre cave in Pocahontas County, which was being worked for the Government.* The prisoners would have been imprisoned in Pocahontas County but for the fact that their Abolition cronies would thereby have been enabled an opportunity to turn them loose on the community again. Before the war, McMILLAN had been indicted in Pocahontas County for grand larceny, but had escaped.

From the Examiner, Jan. 20.

Yesterday morning four hundred and seventeen of Gen. BRIGG's prisoners were received at the Libby prison, and last evening four hundred and fifty more making in all about four thousand received up to this time. This morning eight hundred will be sent to City Point under a flag of truce, satisfactory arrangements having been agreed upon concerning their exchange.

FUNERAL OF GEN. JONES.

From the Richmond Examiner, Jan. 20.

The obsequies attendant upon the interment of the remains of the late Brig.-Gen. DAVID R. JONES, took place yesterday, at noon, in St. Paul's Church, which was filled with a solemn auditory.

At the conclusion of the church services the cortège was formed, and, headed by the band playing the dirge for the dead, moved to Hollywood Cemetery. The coffin containing the remains was enshrouded by the Confederate flag, and was carried in a hearse drawn by four white steeds.

The heads of the several government officers and officers of the Confederate service in Richmond were largely represented, and conspicuous in the procession was the private equipage of the President and other high officials. Gen. JONES' remains were deposited in a vault to await their final removal to Georgia, his native State.

THE EAST TENNESSEE UNIONISTS AT WORK.

From the Richmond Dispatch, Jan. 20.

On Thursday night, 8th inst., a band of furies from the mountains of East Tennessee and Laurel, N. C., attacked the village of Marshal, Madison County, N. C., taking the citizens prisoners, and robbing the whole town of whatever valuables were movable. When they left they said their next raid would be upon the armory at Asheville, N. C. A force of 300 men, under Col. ALLEN, of the Sixty-fourth North Carolina Regiment, has been sent from Knoxville to capture the marauders.

RECOGNITION.

From the Richmond Examiner, Jan. 20.

Both Houses of Congress having gone into secret session about 1 o'clock P. M. yesterday, it was immediately rumored on the streets that France and England had recognized the Southern Confederacy, and that the announcement was to be made to Congress by a communication. The day, however, passed off without anything transpiring to give color to the story.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL.

From the Richmond Examiner, Jan. 20.

FINANCIAL.

In the last three days gold has jumped from 190 to 220. *This is the effect of the rise in gold in New-York.* Hereafter let us hear no more about smugglers using gold in their traffic.

COMMERCIAL.

Wheat and Flour.—This market is dull indeed. There are no transactions in flour except occasional impressments by Government commissaries. These agents last week impressed a thousand barrels of the best flour at WARWICK's mills, and a thousand at DUGLER & McCANCE's mills in Manchester, allowing for the same $17 50 per barrel. This fixes the price of flour until the next impressment. We will add, as a matter of interest in this connection, that at the time these impressments were made, between two and three hundred barrels of Government flour were lying on the ground and without shelter at Hanover Junction.

We quote wheat at from $2 to $3 50 per bushel. Only a superlatively fine article will fetch the latter price, there being no competition with the Government. Our city millers find it a mere speculation to buy the best wheat for the manufacture of flour which may at any moment be seized by commissaries, and the price fixed without regard to the cost of the wheat.

Leaf Tobacco.—This market has opened briskly, and prices, especially for inferior grades, range higher than at the close of the last year.

From Mr. JOHN M. SHEPHARD, commission merchant, we obtain the following quotations, which may be entirely relied upon:

Lugs, inferior, $6 and $7 to $12; good, $13 to $16; fine, $17 to $19; Leaf, inferior, $16 to $18; Shipping, fine, $30 to $37 50; Manufacturing, fine, $40 to $50.

RISING THE PRICE OF MEATS.—Yesterday all kinds of meats, from some unexplained cause, took a great rise. Pork steak sold at 50 cents per pound, and beef the same.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The correspondent of the Richmond *Journal and Messenger*, writing from Rome, under date of the 10th ult., says: "At Rome I had the pleasure of meeting with Hon. JOHN BELL, who has been driven from his home and his estates in Tennessee, and is now living with his family in a modest little village near Rome. Mr. BELL is quite advanced in years, and yet looks ruddy and hale. He is truly a fine looking old gentleman, and of most agreeable presence. He is by no means hopeful of a speedy termination of our troubles. Mr. BELL has two sons in the army. I met with one of them at Rome."

Gov. SHORTER, of Alabama, advertises $500,000 six per cent. bonds, having twenty years to run from Jan. 1, 1863. He says: "These bonds are exempted from taxation, and the coupons are receivable in payment of all public dues to the State. No bid will be accepted at less than five per cent. premium in currency, nor less than $1,000, as the bonds will be issued in sums for that amount."

The other day, says the *Examiner*, a Confederate picket on the Rappahannock was hailed by a Yankee from the opposite side with the remark: "Say, have you got an indifferent corporal over there you would like to swap for BURNSIDE?" No "indifferent corporal" being found, the exchange was not made.

The steamer which reached "a Confederate port" on the 10th, brought 220 kegs of powder, 40 tons iron plating for gunboats, a lot of rifles, and 500 bags of coffee, with blankets and other valuable merchandise.

Flour is selling at Charleston for $16 per barrel, and Augusta and Atlanta are close upon its heels. In Mobile it is quoted at $60, and in Wilmington at $82.

Eight cars loaded with cannon and small arms, captured at the battle of Murfreesboro, reached Atlanta, Ga., by way of the W. & A. Railroad, on Jan. 5.

A Speech by Gen. Blunt.

From the Leavenworth Conservative, 20th.

A flag presentation took place at the Mansion House yesterday, and was witnessed by a large number of people, who collected to do honor to the man who has done so much for Kansas.

The presentation speech was made by Col. M. W. DELONAY, and was very warmly received.

Gen. BLUNT's response was as follows:

COL. DELONAY: In accepting this beautiful and precious gift, permit me to express to you, and through you to those you represent, my sincere and heartfelt thanks for this manifestation of your kind regard.

I appreciate it not more for its intrinsic value than for the many hallowed associations, and pleasant incidents, with which its history is blended. It is the emblem dear to every true American, as the banner under which our forefathers fought to establish the Republic; and which, during a period of over fourscore years, has floated upon every shore and on every sea as the harbinger of liberty, the pride of the free, and the hope of the oppressed. And more cherished still is it by every true patriot for the many thrilling events that have surrounded it, during a period extending over the last two years.

Two years ago, when treason culminated in all its fury and madness, a part of the nation, forgetful of the many blessings conferred upon them under the old flag, and ruined by the too great indulgence of the Federal Government, inaugurated the suicidal policy of rebellion against its authority, and attempted to trample its sacred folds in the dust! Since that time it has been borne on many a hard fought and bloody field, and often has victory perched upon its eagles. It has stimulated and inspired the heroic soldier, as amid the clash of arms and the din of battle he pressed forward to engage in the deadly strife; and when stricken down and stretched upon the field, with his life-blood fast ebbing away, and his thoughts devoted to his home and those that were dear, one last look upon its ample folds, as it still waved in triumph, gave him courage in his dying hour, and was a sufficient reward for his noble sacrifice.

Although a cloud appears now to hang temporarily over the nation, I have no forebodings for the ultimate result. With every confidence in the patriotism of the people, the resources of the Government, and

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the instrumentality of our country, both directed by the wisdom of all, we may confidently hope, that, after a short time, the rays of light from which our hope, as well as which that of the country, will derive their full splendor, and when the Flag of the Union shall again wave over every inch of American soil.

Time we will have learned wisdom from experience; and when the last rebel shall have been subjugated, and our Government restored, that more enduring than before rebellion raised its Satanical head, the Stars and Stripes can bid defiance to every nation of the earth.

You have been pleased to allude in terms of approbation to my services in the field. While it is gratifying to know that my services have been appreciated by the people of Kansas, I am not conscious that I deserve any special credit. Had I done less, I should not have done my duty. I have done nothing more than what every soldier, who enlists in the service of his country should do—to discharge his obligations to his Government—to make the best use of the means placed in his hands to crush out this accursed rebellion, and restore the country once more to peace. Whatever feeling of gratitude, therefore, is extended toward me, I desire only to share it in common with the brave men who have followed me; and whose strict obedience to every command, and patient endurance of every hardship and privation, borne with cheerfulness and without murmurs, contributed to successful results.

Many heroic spirits who left the borders of Kansas four months since to follow me in the fortunes of war, will return no more. They have fallen amid the carnage of battle, yielding up their lives a willing sacrifice to sustain their country's flag. They sleep that sleep from which no reveille can awake them, beneath the fields nobly won by their valor and gallant daring. They have met such a death as they would doubtless have preferred had the choice been left to them. Their memory should be cherished by a grateful people. Their example is worthy of emulation.

In accepting this emblem of Liberty, it brings to me unalloyed pleasure as being the free-will offering of friends who have circled around me since I came here eight months ago, a stranger and under embarrassing circumstances. I trust my future may prove worthy of your appreciation. My life shall be freely pledged to the work.

Again may I thank you and those you represent for the kind manifestation of your good will as exhibited in the presentation of this flag of the Free. For its preservation and to vindicate the Government it represents, I pledge you my life.

(Advertisement.)

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Passengers Sailed.

In steamship Mary Sanford, for Port Royal, S. C., and Newberne, N. C.—Mrs. Capt. F. Mason, Mrs. S. H. Gray, Mrs. Lieut. J. Hicks, Charles Lunpin, Mrs. Chas. C. Wells, Francis Fletcher, Mrs. Major J. D. Drew, Mrs. Col. G. H. Sharpe, Mrs. Brigadier-Gen. Neill and infant, Mrs. J. Thompson, Mrs. J. A. Sandford and child, Mrs. J. D. Flanders, Mrs. R. F. Clark, Mrs. A. H. Libbey, Robert B. Soler, W. A. Bishop, James A. Story, Mrs. Dr. Jno. Bell, Arthur Cooper, Chris. Riley, C. N. Billods, W. H. Beard, Major D. C. Pennington, Capt. Jno. Stapleton, Capt. R. Dyer, Major George Pomroy, A. F. Vance, Jr., Jno. R. Hudson, Edward E. Rogers, Major Jas. H. R. Dorman, Mrs. J. A. Newton and son, J. W. Brown, J. G. Russell, Mrs. E. D. Parkinson, servant and 2 children, F. J. Beers, George Kinney, Samuel H. Manley, A. Christadoro, Mrs. Albert Hill and 2 children, Mrs. Lieut. Jno. Holmes, C. J. Sherman, S. Bell, Joshua Morton, H. D. Hawley, Dr. E. L. Taylor, H. J. Barker, D. Staples, Francis E. Bush, Geo. Smith, H. C. Shipman, Horace Hart, L. Simon, M. Simon, Dr. J. Ware, J. J. Chaney, D. Jackson, Mrs. L. W. Rhodes and son, Mrs. A. C. Halsey, G. F. Tuthane.

JAN. 24.—*In steamship Teutonic, for Southampton, &c.*—Miss Marwedel, Hamburg; Mrs. Wendte, Boston; A. Wendt, New-York; Hy. A. Hartmann, New-York; J. Grube, New-York; E. Girard & child, San Francisco; Mrs. Chalmet, San Francisco; O. Kaufmann, New-York; Saul Lehr, New-York; M. Leipziger, New-York; Jos. Lutz, Wisconsin; Otto Mutschlechner, Chicago; Charles Steeg, New-York; Alois Buenzlinsky, New-York; John Lewis, New-York; Capt. John A. Weed, Illinois; Lothing Mengel, New-York; W. Hoskan, New-York; Max Stadtler, New-York; Jos. Jos. Newton; Mrs. Hoess, Williamsburgh; Miss Hoess, Williamsburgh; Louise Schiffler, Boston; F. W. Hesse, St. Louis. And others in Steerage.—Total 66.

In steamship George Cromwell, for New-Orleans.—W. H. Bushrod, Mrs. Capt. Hodge, Mrs. Harriet E. Foff, D. Dutier, Mrs. H. Hillman and child, Charles Fitzpatrick, wife and infant, James O. Woodruff, B. Detachinde, W. Vantone, J. L. Dougherty, Miss A. Nickels, J. J. Green, Lieut.-Col. Bien, Dr. Lescock, Chas. Goodrich, about 8 all, James Mansfield